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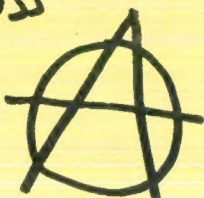
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**MORE THAN A JOB!**  
**POLICE**

**PLEASE DON'T CALL THEM PIGS!**

**HEY YOU! Babe here,**  
lets get wise.

Cops are fucked up humans.

Pigs are our friends. Cops are not.  
Pigs mind their own business. Cops do not.  
Pigs have curly tails. Cops have guns.  
Pigs shit as they please. Cops are uptight arseholes.  
Pigs grunt with joy. Cops grunt with aggro.  
Pigs are put down in the media. (except Babe eh!)  
Cops are glorified in the media.  
Pigs are often caged. Cops put people in cages.  
Pigs are clever. Cops are cunning but not very smart.

Pigs are self respecting animals.

GETTIT!?! See ya round the traps and remember kids while you're smashing the state keep a smile on yer lips and a song in yer heart and watch out for the wallopers!



**MUCH MUCH MORE!**



# PRISONS

The following essay is a statement prepared by Ben Alterman for the LaTrobe Anarchist Conference held on June 8,9, and 10 in 1996. Ben Alterman is currently incarcerated in Loddon Prison, Castlemaine.

Prisons. When we hear or read that word we think of the stereotypical images all too often portrayed by the establishment's movie production houses that show prisons as hulky Victorian era architectural monstrosities inhabited by psychotic criminals who would wreak havoc on the community as soon as they managed to break their bars and walls.

However, as with most television portrayals, this picture is largely distorted. As anyone familiar with the Coburg area can testify, Pentridge prison is a particularly ugly monstrosity of an institution. But within its bluestone walls are a large part of the 3000 people that are locked up by the Kennett Government at any given time of the year, and with the few exceptions that are repeatedly and grossly sensationalised by the establishment media, the majority of these people consist of youth and long term unemployed who have been made to feel like failures by the system that no longer requires their labour. And thus with no prospect of a worthwhile future, a great many of us either become self destructive and resort to drug use, thereby being criminalised by the capitalist media and their puppet parliament, or through economic desperation turn to property theft or Social Security fraud merely in order to survive.

This situation has been allowed to occur due to the nature of capitalism which regards the working class as nothing more than a commodity to be used as either a maker of corporate profits, or as scapegoats to be portrayed by the established media as either 'dole bludgers', "welfare cheating single mothers", or as out of 'control' criminals in order to divert people's attention from the fact that the real parasites and criminals are companies like CRA/ RTZ who are accessories in the genocide that is being perpetrated in Bougainville and West Papua by the PNG and Indonesian dictatorships, or shell which has financed and armed the Nigerian Police and Military with weapons that are banned in most countries, in order for them to crush the Ogoni people whose homelands SHELL is destroying in their fervent quest for the almighty oil dollar.

And when one brings up the subject of violent crimes you need only refer them to the exemplary record of Victoria's police force, which has a fondness for shooting distressed women in the streets of St Kilda and Wodonga, and has the unique distinction of having officers within its ranks that can shoot a man seven times with a 6 shot revolver without reloading his firearm. And these are just some of the 28 or so executions that have occurred at the hands of police in approximately the last 10 years, which have been white washed either by the coroners or supreme court since then.

Whilst many of us dismiss prisons as merely a tool for the preservation of the ruling class (which, without a doubt they are), it doesn't deter from the fact that anti-social crimes do occur, although the root cause of these crimes and the reason for having prisons at all lies in the vast injustices that are endemic to this greed driven system. As such the only effective means of reducing crime is the establishment of a free, Anarchist society which can investigate the possibility of more effective alternative methods of dealing with anti social crime, and abolish the social and economic conditions that today lead many people into being sent to these prisons.

In the meantime, it is quite important that those of us that are political prisoners or Anarchist or political activists that are serving a prison sentence be recognised and supported by Anarchist groups and individuals in order to keep our spirits up, and let the reactionary prison administrators know that if they try to silence political dissent within prison in their typically harsh manner, as they tried to do to me earlier this year, then their actions will be made known and protested against.

Thank You

Ben.A.Alterman

# GOD IS DEAD! HE FUCKED OFF & LEFT THE COPS TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS!

## FREE THE PRISONERS OF RELIGION

The various cults of God must be obliterated as a pox on humanity; and be replaced by Anarchy, freedom for everyone to do as they will in mutual aid and cooperation. For millenia we have had misery, slavery, colonisation, Inquisition, exploitation in the name of Religion. It's time to overthrow the child-molesting Orders & the God Pestilence pushing Churches and bring about an eternity of fun without fear. When the free thinking are damned blasphemy is our duty in solidarity with the Godless everywhere!

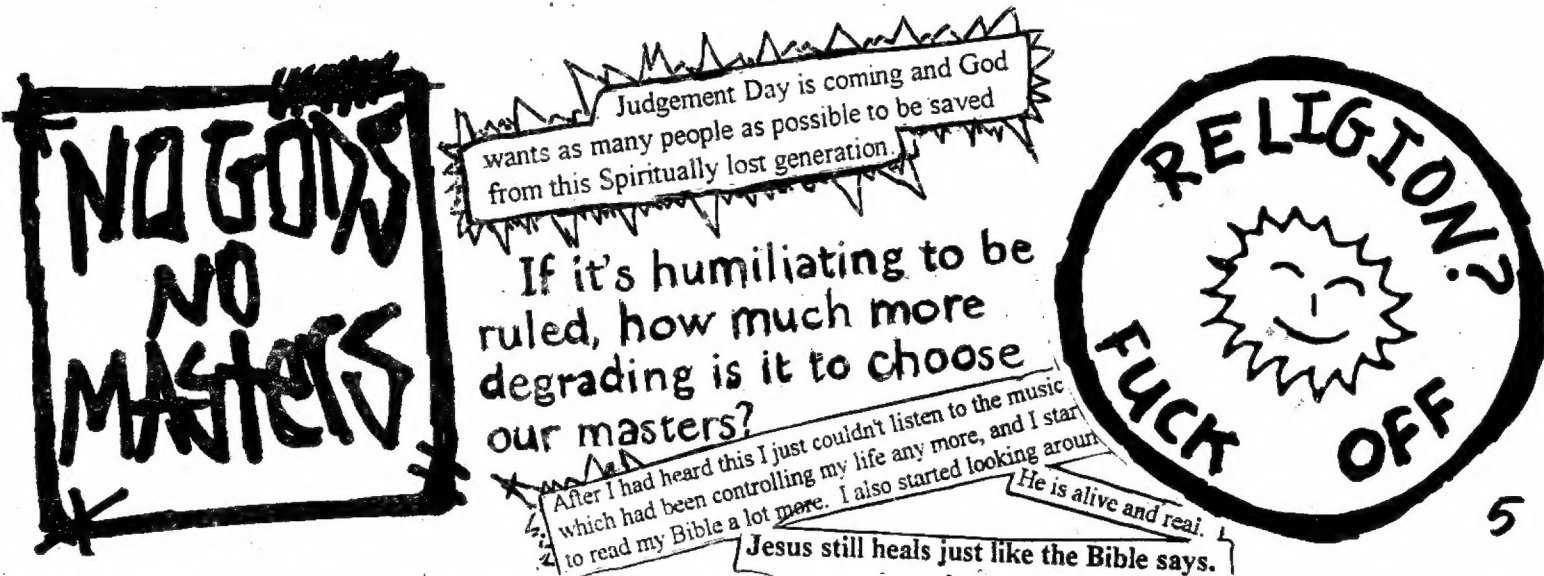
A random act of serious fun in kindness.

## FREE THE PRISONERS OF IDEOLOGY

No God. No Religions. No Master. No Slaves. No Politicians.  
No Bosses. No Work, No Nations. No Generals. No Admirals,  
No Officers, No War. No Nuclearism. No Racists. No Rapists.  
No Queer fearing fuckwits. No Media, No Lies, No Propaganda,  
No Pop Stars, No Capitalism, No Fascism, No Socialism, No Flags, No Judges,  
No Police, No Prisons, No Asylums, No Toxic Pollutions, No Woodchipping,  
No Sacrifice, No Money, No Selling, No Buying,  
No not now can't think must obey, No Time, No Industrialisation,  
No Development, No Progre\$\$, No to all that shit.  
No time like the present to know the past means to have a future you gotta  
know when to say NO!

## ALL ISMS ARE WASMS!

Yet another random act of serious fun in kindness





## BLASTS FROM THE PAST



### IWW money forgery.

The Industrial Workers of the World, the only revolutionary union in Australia was made up in 1915 of many radicals (direct actionists, industrial unionists, blacklisted organisers, anti-War activists) including some who not only wanted to abolish wage-slavery but the money system itself. As the organisation's members were always hard-up they turned their printing skills to forging money to both mock the Queen's coin of the realm, and the exploiters who measured their wealth in the filthy lucre.

### Pink Panther Action Force

During 1973 at the Perth Parliament buildings fountains a mixture of Condys Crystals and soap powder turned into a pink foam machine. Strong winds soon had spilling suds drifting onto the Free-way. The Pink Panther Action Force claimed responsibility for the plebeians of Perth who have to endure the politicians windbagging on about nowt of interest to anyone but themselves.

### Free Stores Galore

A new concept in retailing starting in Collingwood, Melbourne and soon spreading to other cities began in 1972. Based on the 'from each according to their ability to each according to their needs' anarchist principle clothes, drink, food and Australia's first free Legal Aid service were provided free. The Profit-eers used the State Police to harass and close the Free Stores but the free spirit returns unvanquished wherever the community organises.

### Psyches Suck!

At the Royal Australian & New Zealand Psychiatrists Association Conference in Perth in 1974 the role of Psychiatrists in Repression worldwide was outlined and condemned by the Committee for Social Pacification in a leaflet distributed to those attending. In the West Australian newspaper one of the Conference organisers said those responsible were 'unbalanced'.

### Rock For Jesus Disruption

A Rock for Jesus Christ Concert put on by the 'trendy' Reverend Dean Hazel-wood was ended when a 'shit bomb' (human turds packed around a small explosive) exploded in St Georges Cathedral in the city of Perth, WA in 1972. The culprit was alas caught, beaten and tortured by cops and prison screws until deported from Australia.

### Student Anarchy!

In the Western Australian Parliament Cabinet Ministers denounced Revolt! a free high school student paper as advocating anarchy. Another unnamed magazine also by high school students was deplored for its attacks on the Australian Military campaign in Viet-nam; Police Violence and the sausage factory machine which turned youth into students into workers into order following citizens.

### Dairy Liberation Front.

Back in 1972, a network of people calling themselves the Dairy Liberation front liberated large ute-fulls of fresh milk from Dairy Processors and distributed the products free in Sydney and Melbourne on the same day in poor areas of the cities.

### Right not to Work!

During a Right to Work rally organised by the Leninist Left in Sydney in 1974 a group demanding the Right Not to Work appeared complete with banner, chanted slogans and leaflet attacking the workshop of wage-slavery as the solution to survival on the dole. The authoritarians as always reacted with censorship and lies saying the group responsible were provocateurs being used by the Right/ dangerous individualists on an ego trip, and other assorted insults reserved for uncontrollable 'lumpen proletarian elements'.

### VIETNAM SHAM OR SCAM?

The end of the Vietnam War in 1975 and the 'victory' of the NLF was celebrated by the authoritarian Left who were outraged at some Sydney Anarchists leaflet which criticised not only the NLF and living God Ho Chi Minh for their Stalinism but the Australian Left's collaboration in the cover-ups of re-repression in the Northern 'liberated zones'. Such heresy was condemned and outraged Leninoids went amok verbally and in denunciations on paper as they were unable to find and physically attack the 'traitors' to the Great Vietnam Moratorium Movement.

### Socialist Economists = Wankers.

At a high-brow and serious Conference of Socialist Economists, held at Sydney University in 1976 a leaflet was distributed attacking the Leaders of State Socialism and the ideology of Nationalisation with a graphic of Karl Marx wanking over a copy of Das Capital. The leaflet was authorised by Andy (pandy) Giles-Peters a 'Marxist-Libertarian' but he had nothing to do with it and was scandalised by its appearance and had to apologise, grovel to the Left, during the presentation of his 'paper on working class configurations'. The leading hacks like Ted Wheelwright ordered all copies of the leaflet gathered up and shredded. Wild trumpet playing and musical improvisation and stones were thrown on the roof during the long winded rants by those who aspired to be Captains at the helm of State Economys. When confronted with accusations of trying to make money from the sale of the leaflet a member of the

disrupters threw coins at the economists to their further outrage.

### Mayor Of Leichardt Resigns

In 1975 the Mayor of Leichardt was woken at dawn by the mass media asking about his resignation which had been revealed to the Sydney local government area by way of mass letter-boxing. In his resignation letter the Mayor apologised for his corruption (details of dirty deals were given) and encouraged residents to take over their areas and run them themselves as he was not just a bad apple but the system itself was fucked...Police investigating were baffled but admitted the use of the Mayor's official letterhead and signature on the document had made many residents believe he had indeed resigned.

### Bob Dylan Free Concert

At a large Movement Against Uranium Mining rally and march in Sydney in 1976 a thousand free tickets to the Bob Dylan concert being held at Randwick race Course on the same weekend (costing \$30 to stand in the mud and rain). After realising that many people had gotten in free the Concert managers announced a \$100 reward for information leading to the capture of those responsible. Nobody dobbed in anyone and the culprits went on to Sydney radio station 2JJ (now the national ABC 'youth' radio JJJ) to say why they had done it:

### Celebration of Life Under Capitalism

Tired of useless, boring demos some Melbourne malcontents on 21 Feb. 1992 turned up to a Jobs & Justice rally with sarcastic banners reading Capitalism = Utopia, Work Will Set You Free & We Are in Heaven wearing and giving away paraphernalia such as hats, horns, balloons and masks. The Police were unsure about the motives and arrested one agitator for being drunk, took them to Russel St (the former Melbourne Police HQ) and showed them pictures of the Canberra anti-AIDEX demo, the anti-George Bush (US Prez) demo and other actions.

### Rat Runs In Buy-Election

During the by-election for the Federal seat of Wills, in Melbourne's inner Northern suburbs (vacated by ex-Prime Minister Bob Hawke's resignation) among the many candidates for the electorate's best paid job was a Rat run by the Unwaged Workers Movement. Ratty's appearance was of much amusement to the locals who had suffered the whole spectrum of Political Party machine-men, Independents, assorted Issue candidates hyped by the media until finally the farce was over and the Independent ex-Coburg Lions Footy Club Coach Phil Cleary got bumped into Parliament.

## SO WHO'S STOPPING US ?

Some of us would like to be here for a different reason.

We'd like to be here fighting for better conditions and wages - if only the union would let us.

We'd like to be able to put bans on at our own workplace whenever WE decide, but the union won't let us.

We'd like to occupy our workplace and lock the bosses out, but the union won't let us.

In many times and places in Victoria, under LABOR AND LIB governments during recent years, we wanted to do all these things - but the unions wouldn't let us. When we were losing our State Award conditions, the unions told us not to fight. They said it would be better to rely on a Federal award. Now the union leaders shit themselves because they won't have a Federal award to hide behind.

We'd like to be here as part of a union that recognises you have to hit the boss on the job to get anything. A union that doesn't say "Get back to work and leave it to us to negotiate".

We'd like to be here as members of unions that DON'T keep telling us Kennett or Howard is Hitler, while spending all our dues trying to get their Labor politician mates re-elected. We'd like unions to be honest enough to admit that we LOST under the famous accord of Hawke, Keating, Crean and Ferguson. That we LOST our industrial power in the workplace under Cain and Kirner.

We'd like to be here as members of unions that DON'T collaborate with the bosses to help them run "I love the company" psychological brainwashing sessions. We'd like to see unions that DON'T bankroll lawyers and chuck all our money away in the capitalists' courts.

We ARE here because we know we are getting exploited harder and harder in the name of 'international competition', and we know that, in the words of Woody Guthrie: 'Us workers gotta stick together, or we ain't got a chance any more'. Ultimately it's the workers Australia-wide - and world-wide.

We also know our union bosses don't want that. We know they have called us out today because they are afraid of losing THEIR control over US. Under capitalism, contrary to what the union leaders preach, there is no such thing as a 'fair day's pay'. In the capitalist workplace (government-owned or otherwise), the workers get financially raped every day. And the union is the boss's dick.

Yes, we all know we are going to have to take more action - harder, tougher, rougher - and we will have to do it without the 'help' of the union bosses. WE know the job, WE know the workplace, WE know the boss's weakness, and WE know where the community support is. Union leaders know fuck-all.

UNIONS THAT DON'T SELL US OUT ? WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT!



(Wonderful Wildcat

Workers' Collective.)

Women have been oppressed for millions of Years....

no more pain and no more fuckin' tears.

We don't need your guilt trips ☹

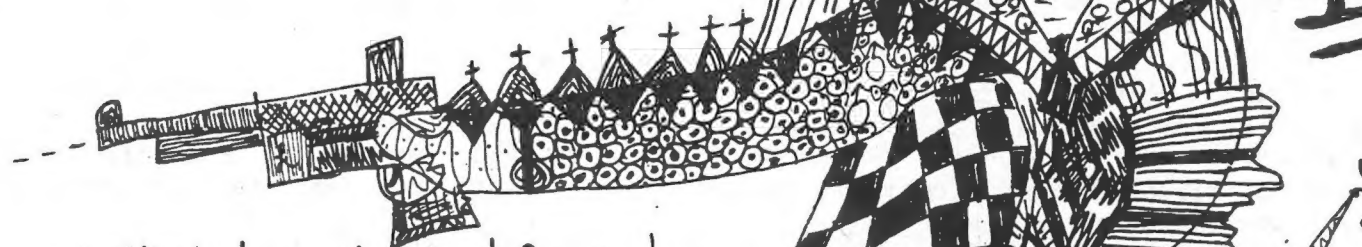
your jealousy and hate,

We've had enough shit

we won't take the bait

TURN around sista's

It's Never too Late..... ♀



Walkin' down the street Groovin to a beat

"HEY CHICKIE BABE SHOW US YOUR MEAT"

"I'M A GROT GRRRL DON'T FUCK WITH ME,  
GET OUTTA MY FACE OR JUST WAIT 'N' SEE!"

They Keep Yellin' that I should suck their  
dicks

What Fun it would be that I'll get my  
Kicks

"I DON'T THINK SO YOU MUTHAFUCKAS,  
PEOPLE LIKE YOU ARE ON MY OWN HITLIST"

So I pull out my 8" MAGNUM  
and shove it in their face...

"I SAID DON'T FUCK WITH ME"

I yelled, and put  
them in their place!

by  
Fleg!

It's Never too Late!  
TURN AROUND Sista's.....



## A short history of squatting in Greece

Self managed political squats first appeared in Greece in the early 80's.

Of course, such large political squats have existed much longer and are more common in major cities in European countries like Germany, Holland, England, Italy and France. The first publicised squats in Greece were both in Athens. One was in Valtetsiou st. in Exarhia (Exarhia is best known as the area in central Athens where most clashes with the cops have occurred; it was an anarchist stronghold until the cops saturated the area with smack and informers and more recently, yuppies). The second was called Villa Stella in Neo Iraklio and the third was a property belonging to the Drakopoulos family in Patisia during 1981.

These were squatted roughly about the same time as two others in Thessaloniki.

A building belonging to the Red Cross in Vasillisis Olgas st., Thessaloniki was occupied first. Due to its popularity, so was another building in the same street; prior to this, the same squatters had occupied a property belonging to the Italian consulate for a couple of days. These squats were short lived, lasting less than a month.

Squatting in Greek cities is made difficult due to the shortage of single storey dwellings. Most city dwellers live in apartments in high rise buildings, most commonly with ten or fifteen families. Despite this, Athens shares a number of distinctive features which make it conducive to squat. It is a city where western commercialism is rife, yet it has a third world appearance, in so far as the quality of life is concerned. Many beggars can be found on the streets and during my last visit there late in 1995, many homeless people had taken to sleeping in the subway at all hours of the day. Similarly, many villagers (esp. youth) migrate there in search of work, which has led to mass overcrowding and a severe shortage in housing. Rent prices have skyrocketed since 1984 whilst wages have not. Welfare benefits barely exist in Greece (unlike in Australia) with unemployment benefits accessible only for a short period, if one has already engaged in paid work. This prevents many young people from living independently. There is no equivalent to AUSTUDY (student assistance) and unemployment is high. Subsequently, most squatters rely on poorly paid, casual work to make ends meet.

In other words, Athens is a city filled with concrete cages (called homes), where the possibilities of communication and a sense of community are difficult to achieve. It also has a very large anarchist/antiauthoritarian movement where principles of self management are encouraged and practised and any involvement with the state is scorned. Such factors have been influential, leading many to squat.

The first squatters in Greece did not adopt a particular political stance, despite most of them being students, leftists and anarchists.











The second wave in squatting included the squats in Harilaou Trikoupi st in Athens and L. Nikis st in Thessaloniki. These squatters clearly propagandised the housing problem in Greece and most of them espoused anarchist/antiauthoritarian ideas. The squat at 91 Harilaou Trikoupi st was occupied in 1985. Prior to this, it had been left empty for years and had last functioned as a private medical clinic. The

twenty people who squatted it took on personal and collective tasks to maintain it and lived together as a community. Fortunately, that building was in good condition and had the water and electricity connected. This squat lasted about four years and set a precedent for the squat at 39 L. Nikis st in Thessaloniki. The building at L. Nikis st belonged to the medicine faculty of the university, and was also in good condition. This squat did not face state resistance as it was safeguarded by the university asylum, and so, the cops could not raid it. Also, the overwhelming majority of squatters living there were tertiary students. The recently elected PASOK (Panhellenic Socialist Party) also wanted to present a 'human face' which respected the demands of youth. The squatters were evicted in 1990 when the university declared it needed the building for the conduct of classes. In the last one and a half years of its existence, the squatters had the electricity cut off and had to operate the cafe and other public spaces inside it, with the aid of a generator, leading to many practical problems. In 1987, the building at 10 Armenopoulou st was also occupied. It only lasted 3-4 months as it belonged to a lawyer, who took the squatters to court upon discovering about the occupation. The court case commenced, despite the squatters having left the house. Charges against 31 people were laid, and they were declared innocent. In its few months of operation, the squat had transformed the basement into a meeting place for activists as well as a cafe. It should be pointed out that when a squatted building has been the property of an individual or a few individuals, it has usually failed. The same has occurred when the building has belonged to a company, such as a bank. Squatters in Greece (and elsewhere) have had greater success when occupying buildings belonging to many individuals, or those belonging to the state, due to the bureaucracy involved in the eviction process.

In 1988, another house in H. Trikoupi st in Athens was occupied by five young women, who used it as a living space, as well as a rehearsal space for bands. This squat lasted 8-9 months. That same year, a building belonging to the University of Athens is occupied in L. Karayiannis and Drosopoulou sts. The squatters live there, but also use the first floor as a meeting space, bookshop and gallery space. Many booklets and articles are published there about social/class inequalities leading to the housing problem in Greece, as well as booklets on indigenous struggles and workers strikes. They publish the zine ORA NIHIL. This squat still exists today and is one of the oldest in Greece.

1989 is a good year for squatters in Athens. They print many posters on squatting which are pasted all over the city. The house at 34 Asklipiou st, Athens is squatted, but only lasts 20 days. The squatters enter another building in Kassianis st for 2 weeks. This event coincides with the release of the cop, Melistas who murdered a 15 year old anarchist, Mihalīs Kaltezas, in 1985. The press seeks to connect the new squat to the many riots over his release. The same group decides to leave and occupies the house of poet, Aristomeni Provelegiōti, at the corner of Keramikou and Milerou sts. They publish the antiauthoritarian magazine, PIRATES OF THE HALF MOON.

Villa Amalias is the most widely known squat in Greece today, having its beginnings in 1989. It



started out in a house belonging to the wealthy Onassis family. It housed a cafe, living space, gig space, as well as a place where videos were regularly shown. It was the first squat in Athens which can be described as a social centre. Two months later, the cops raided it and the squatters were charged. Following the trial, they occupied another building at the corner of Aharnon and Heiden sts (which was previously a high school) at the beginning of 1990. Once again, special forces raided it, threatening the squatters with automatic rifles and stealing all their money. They reoccupied it shortly afterwards. Many believe that the cops' violent attitude towards the Amalias' squatters has to do with most of them being punks. They are doubly discriminated against, due to their appearance. Also, because the cafe/bar, music/book shop and gigs draw many young people there. Meetings of antimilitarists have also taken place there, as well as other public meetings on anarchism, sexism in the movement, the family etc. Villa Amalias continues to thrive, and in March '96 hosted a DIY conference along with Villa Varvara (described later) and others.

In 1990, the squatters at 91 H. Trikoupi st leave. That same year, fine arts students from the university occupy one of its buildings. Unfortunately, they displayed little interest in networking with other squatters, and failed to see their action as a political one. The space was only used to exhibit their work and to live in.

Thessaloniki 1990- 2 more squats lasting only a couple of months appear. The first is at Mitropoleos st by 14-16 year olds. After being threatened by police, they leave after 3 months. The building remains empty to this day. This is a common occurrence. Hundreds of buildings remain empty for years and the authorities and owners start showing concern only after they have been squatted. Once the squatters are evicted, the buildings are left to rot. The second squat in 1990 was Villa Pandora, which started out in a building owned by a few individuals. The squatters chose to leave, after realising the extent of damages. It was then transferred to another building, belonging to the church. The basement was used as a kitchen, guest room, book/record shop, for parties, video nights and meetings.

In 1991, a small house at the corner of Ferron and Filis sts in Athens was occupied for a small number of people to live in. Most of them were involved in anti militarist campaigns. The cops raided the house one night, whilst an anti militarist meeting took place. 86 people were arrested. Finally, the latest squat in Athens was in Alkamenous st in October 1993. It was mainly used as a living space, but also concerned itself with anti nationalist and situationist politics. On the 3rd of January 1994, the new year in Thessaloniki was celebrated with the opening of VILLA VARVARA at 7 Krispou st in the Koule Kafe square in the old part of the city. People living there continue to maintain the squat including the bar/cafe, book/record shop (with anarchist titles and DIY releases) twice a week, kitchen which sells food every Sunday night, organise open meetings for the neighbourhood. Like AMALIA, most of the residents at VARVARA are punks.

There are also two squatted rooms within the university in Thessaloniki which deserve a mention. One belongs to the philosophy department and has operated since 1985 and

the other to the biology dept (since 1987). They also function as meeting places for anarchists. Self managed gigs took place at the philosophy space for 3 years every Saturday night. The nature of the gigs was clearly DIY. Such gigs now occur at the biology space and are usually benefits.

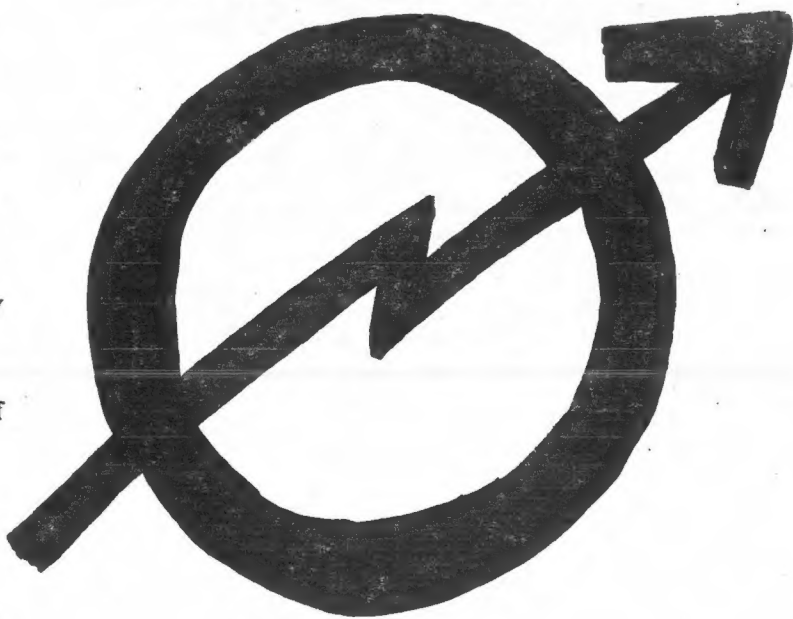
Finally, a brief mention on occupations and social centres which do not exactly fit into the squatting model. In the late 70's many homeless and working class families built hundreds of houses virtually overnight throughout Greece to avoid the high cost of building permits (which in most cases, cost more than the price of building the house itself). Then there are the many occupations of schools initiated by high school students (and not teachers and parents, as occurs elsewhere) in the early 90's. A lot of these students were anarchists and many black flags were seen flying on school buildings in those days. (Unlike Australia, most young people become politicised during their high school years in Greece). There were also occupations by tertiary students of university buildings (eg. the Polytechnic, the chemistry building etc) and student hostels such as the one in Kalamaria in Autumn 1992. This occurred at the same time as the Xenia hotel in Iraklio, Crete, and some workers hostels were occupied during 1992-93. Mention should also be made of the anarchist self managed centres which have not been squatted, such as the social centre in Peristeri, Athens and the one in Kavala (in northeastern Greece). The latter is the longest surviving anarchist space in Greece, and has operated since 1983. There are also two self managed antiauthoritarian radio stations in Thessaloniki- RADIO UTOPIA and RADIO KIVOTOS. In addition, 1996 has seen two more social centres open- one in Kozani (northern Greece) and another in Iraklio, Crete.

By Georgia

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# ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

## Introduction/History:

The roots of Natural Medicine (as opposed to the drug oriented medical/scientific system) goes back as far as the beginning of humanity. The act of a mother caressing her infant or of someone chewing on the roots of a plant during illness are both healing arts that have stood the test of time.

Early this century, doctors were baffled as to the high mortality rate of infants in orphanages across the United States. It was only years later that research concluded that those babies that were handled from time to time in the dormitories had better chance of survival than those left in their beds. The babies that lacked physical stimulation either died or grew up to develop mind/ physical deformities and stunted learning abilities.

If you are convinced that the A.M.A. (Australian Medical Association) is doing a good job then think again. Australia is second only to the United States with chronic heart disease and cancer. An average visit to the local G.P. is now under 5 minutes. In that time there is little touch or warm conversation. Merely the touch of the stethoscope and a prognosis. You exit from the surgery with either a prescription or an injection. No dietary advice. No support. Just a handful of sedatives, antidepressants, or antibiotics. The doctor will probably also forget to inform you of the drug's side effects. This is merely a generalisation. A few doctors exist in the medical profession with a more open and preventative approach. Much to the disgust of the of the A.M.A. I may add.

The fact is, we are not only fighting ignorance in the medical fraternity, but also the state, drug companies, the scientific community and their cronies. Money runs the health industry.

To list all alternative therapies would take a book and to describe them a lifetime. I wish merely to touch on various topics that I feel have influenced my approach to healing and health. They are by no means complete or absolute.

## Drug Culture:

I am not opposed to the pharmaceutical industry. Some good has come out of it. However, the entire pharmaceutical approach is based on treatment of symptoms ignoring the cause. "If they've got a cold give em antibiotics mentality"

But they are forgetting the most important fundamental principle. That is the individual or client. They seem to forget that they are treating a human being. But when is it necessary to treat the symptoms? Let us take the common cold as an example. A fever or cold symptom indicates that the body is combating a foreign body (disease). By suppressing the fever (symptom) with flu medications and nasal sprays you inhibit the body defence mechanism. ie: sweating is merely the removal of heat and toxins from the body. Why suppress it unnecessarily. Symptoms need not always be fought and conquered by drugs. Obviously, when the body cannot cope by itself, then it may need drugs or herbs to treat the symptoms.

In the eyes of the pharmaceutical industry, two different clients with the same symptoms would both require the same drug to be administered. But what if the cause of asthma was different in two cases of asthma. Let us say the first client had asthma attacks attributed to allergic reactions from drugs administered for a cold. And the second client had asthma attacks after drinking mucous forming foods such as milk. In these cases would it not be beneficial for the clients to adjust their lifestyle in order to reduce the chance of asthma attacks. Administering drug upon drug is not helping asthma sufferers. It is merely creating more problems. Meanwhile the drug companies are laughing all the way to the bank.

## Water:

The elixir of life. Nature's body purification system. Unfortunately for us city folk tap water is not as pure and healthy as we would wish. Because it is laden with heavy metal deposits and chlorine, tap water is actually detrimental to our health. Tap water can also have adverse reactions on the skin. So if you get rashes after a bath it may be due to the high chlorine levels in your water.

Many inner suburbs of Melbourne actually have alum (an aluminium based compound) added to their water. Not to mention the organochlorides and other pesticide residues. Get active. Find out what's in your local water supply.

## Protest:

Unfortunately for the moment the only alternative is expensive water filters. It is interesting to note that the world's largest CFC producer, Du Pont, also owns the patent to lycra (a UV ray blocking material). The beauty of privatisation. Let the environmental terrorists (multi nationals) run the water industry?

## Diet

You are what you eat. Imagine your body as a house-hold garbage bin. Beside you lay the recycling boxes. One for plastics, paper, etc. Each day you are fed household garbage.

Now imagine that the household garbage is not separated. As a garbage bin you would clog up quite quickly. With a constant barrage of paper, scraps, plastics, and other bits of shit you become soon full. You have been overworked and your companions, the recycling boxes, are not used.

Now imagine another scenario. In the kitchen, garden scraps are separated from other rubbish. Food scraps are eliminated via the compost bin. The paper, plastics, and bottles are also separated. By pick up day the bin is probably less than half full and not as smelly as before.

Our bodies are like garbage bins. If we inundate our bodies with heaps of junk food, drugs, and badly combined meals, then our body will have trouble functioning optimally. Our body becomes the over-worked garbage bin. Our elimination cycle becomes clogged up and ineffective much like the recycling boxes if they are not used. Stomach pain, heart burn, constipation, and bad breath are all tell tale signs of acute disorders due to the toxin build up and the body's inability to deal with it.

If we ignore these signs then acute symptoms become chronic disorders. Arteriosclerosis (hard-ening of the arteries), heart disease, cancer, and arthritis are generally just manifestations of acute disorders or tell tale signs ignored by the body over a number of years till they become too much that the body breaks down (ie: heart attack).

Too much stress and mental health are other contributing factors which may cause breakdowns in the body defence against disease.

### **Burn Out:**

A common occurrence amongst activists. An individual may drop out from a group or a movement because they need some time to rest. They feel "burnt out". Political activism is stressing and can lead to poor diet and irregular sleeping patterns.

Taking a holiday or a break may be just what a body needs. In order for the body to rejuvenate itself it requires clean fresh air, wholesome foods, adequate rest, and a good time.

Going down the pub every night and drinking yourself stupid because the "world is fucked anyway" is hardly going to do your overworked body any good. It merely rots the brain and depletes the body's vitamin reserves.

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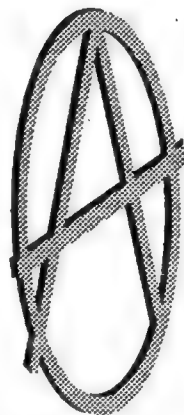
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**STOP PRESS**

Meanwhile we learn, in *Green Anarchist* No.40-41, that while making a film about the Nicaraguan Revolution Ken Loach has done some film work for McDonalds, but he didn't want anyone to know about it.

He was worried about his radical image.  
From Lenin to McDonalds, a real animal farm.

# FRISKY FASHION

Melbourne, like most other cities around the world, is experiencing a crisis of social fragmentation and isolation peculiarly endemic in societies with widening gaps between rich and poor, escalating unemployment and deteriorating welfare services.

This situation has led to the adoption of a bunker mentality collectively shared amongst the wealthier members of our society. Typical characteristics of a bunker mentality include a fear of the outside world, and an increase in private security services and police repression directed at the poor and marginalised members of society.

The ensuing social stratification experienced in our society has led to a backlash against it's more marginalised members. With increasing frequency, the young, the poor and the unemployed are being shut out, while more upwardly mobile types go about their lives fearful that they will be the next victims of crime unless they are protected by a vast array of devices designed to shield them from the perceived dangers of the outside world. The premise that society is becoming more violent is true. Alienation and boredom lead to wanton anti social tendencies. Husbands commit domestic violence, drug dealers terrorise communities, police bash 'undesirables'. However, when there is anti social crime and violence in a certain locale attributed to poverty and unemployment, it is usually contained within that area. The amount of violence directed at the rich by the poor is negligible when compared to poor on poor crime. However, the cops, politicians and security providers prey on the fears of the rich by distorting crime figures to justify the need for more spending on weapons, or in the case of security services, to expand their businesses.

Just as most crime is contained within disadvantaged areas, so most of the poor keep within their class boundaries to avoid

harassment from the cops for being on the wrong side of the tracks, and for not 'looking right'. Most working class people and the disadvantaged stick to their own areas because that's where their community is, that is, a community exemplified by friendship and outlets such as pubs and clubs for socialisation. Working class people are very proud and protective of their areas, and with good reason. It's the only place where we are made to feel welcome by people who share the same ideals as us.

As Anarchists, we recognise the importance of class warfare in our struggle, that is, a concerted attack on the bosses and the rich by those who produce the wealth of society but receive a pittance for their efforts.

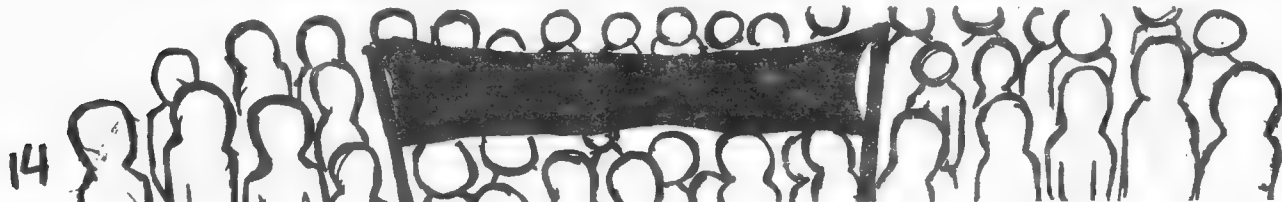
Unfortunately, circumstances have shown us that the class war being waged at the moment is directed against the poor by the rich. The war being directed at working class people and areas is very insidious. Melbourne is not yet like Rio De Janeiro where poor and homeless people are regularly executed by police and vigilantes because the poor are viewed as undesirables who cause crime and scare away tourists and shoppers. Yet signs that Melbourne is slowly heading towards a similar situation are ominous.

Capsicum gas which has killed 23 poor and marginalised Americans has currently been issued to Victorian police stations in predominantly working class areas.

Meanwhile, drug dealers known to police are regularly siphoned off for bribes, while they continue to kill our kids with heroin.

Out of all the threats to working class resistance, gentrification poses the most direct threat to solidarity and unity in working class communities. Gentrification can easily be equated with colonisation when the effects to the original inhabitants are measured.

Once working class areas such as Port Melbourne, Prahran and Fitzroy have been witness to waves of upwardly mobile types





# URBAN & SOCIAL CONTROL IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

and trendies intent on securing a prime piece of real estate within minutes of the city. Areas that were once slums are now full of mobile phone toting yuppies doing lunch in trendy cafes. Brunswick Street, Fitzroy was once an area outsiders would fear to tread. Fiercely partisan, this area was once the domain of S.P Bookies, small time gangsters, the aptly named 'Fitzroy Murderers' gang, and thousands of workers who toiled in Fitzroy's boot factories and Machine shops. Now Brunswick Street has only two working class pubs, where once there was over thirty. This situation is the same all over inner city Melbourne and in the City centre. The yuppies, trendies and the middle classes are moving into working class areas in droves, pushing up the cost of living way beyond the limits of people on the dole or minimum wage. St Kilda has had it's character decimated by gentrification and an onslaught of festivals and events which are designed to bring money to the area. In an effort to create a Venice Beach scenario by the bay, the cops, with the tacit support of many recently arrived business owners have waged a covert war against St Kilda's floating street population. Just before the first Melbourne Grand Prix, the local Koories who had lived on a traffic island on Beaconsfield parade for over ten years, were forcibly removed by the cops. The Koories symbol of resistance and reminder that white Australia has a black history was a toilet block on the traffic island. It had a huge Aboriginal flag painted on the side which no trendy day trippers could fail to miss. This toilet block was smashed down and relocated just before the Grand Prix. It seems that the sight of Indigenous people, most of whom were homeless and had alcohol problems didn't convey the right image that the burghers of St Kilda had in mind for the inaugural Grand Prix.

While St Kilda was being ethnically cleansed, the same sort of methods were being used

against the homeless in the city. Street kids are constantly being harassed because they dare to ask people for spare change for food. In an effort to stop visitors to the city being asked for spare change, the City of Melbourne has designed a card which gives scant details on where to receive food and shelter, to be handed out as an alternative to giving money. When street kids were asked for their reactions to the scheme, they replied "they would rip the cards up if someone gave them one." Band aid schemes like these do fuck all to help homeless people. Most charities which claim to help the homeless like the Salvation Army or the Smith Family are either fronts for religion or agencies which ease the guilt of the rich. these organisations are in the business of charity, they do nothing to undermine the causes of poverty in our society.

One of the few groups acting to help the homeless and actively fight the system is Food not Bombs. This group of Revolutionary Anarchists re-distributes food to anyone who needs it in the City Square on Monday nights. Food not Bombs provides information on Self Management to anyone who asks, rather than try and force religious rubbish on people who don't care for a God who would let the world get to the state it is in now.

There is an extra push by the Cops, the Council and the State to rid the city of Street kids, homeless men and women and chronic alcoholics because of the plan to make Melbourne the worlds most livable city. Livable for whom you might ask? The price of an average sized apartment close to the Central Business District costs from \$400,000 to \$500,000. Residential hotels which provided cheap accommodation for the poor are increasingly being turned into high priced apartments or hotels for the rich.

For all the talk of Melbourne having a new residential community, it is very hard to see

steal back the life that's owed to you!



# FRIENDLY FAKISM (CONT.)

any interaction between the incoming rich and the poor who are being forced out. The architecture of the buildings the city's rich live in does little to encourage the outsider to interact with the residents holed up inside. Massive superstructures of glass and steel, patrolled by security guards and surveillance cameras twenty four hours a day house they new affluent citizens of Melbourne. These vertical prisons are designed to keep outsiders out, but to allow the residents to enter the cityscape on their own terms. The residents no longer deal with the community face to face, but through intercoms and security cameras, fracturing social relationships down to a one way street of communication. We are already witness to the phenomena of the wealthier elites enclosing themselves within their artificially sterile homes, fearful of the harm that the outside world could bring upon their orderly and protected lives. This fear has extended from their fortress like homes to the shopping centres they frequent. These shopping centres are prime examples of an artificial world existing independently within a supposedly chaotic, disordered outside world.

Shopping centres are characterised, and indeed pride themselves, by what they don't have in comparison to the outside world. This is evidenced by the prominent signs on the doors of every shopping centre in Melbourne aimed to deter any malcontents from entering. Beware if you have a dog, bicycle or skateboard, or if you want to sell raffle tickets for the school fete, because you're not welcome.

Shopping centres have captured the bulk of consumers in Melbourne because everything that would deter the consumer from shopping is excluded. There is never any bad weather or clocks to remind shoppers to go home and spend some quality time with the kids. Here shoppers can incur a lifetime of crippling credit card debts free from the inconvenience

of destitute beggars or the mentally ill. Shopping centres (like Yuppie apartments in the inner suburbs and city) have become consumer utopias only through management's concerted incorporation of a mass of surveillance technology to vet any undesirables from entering.

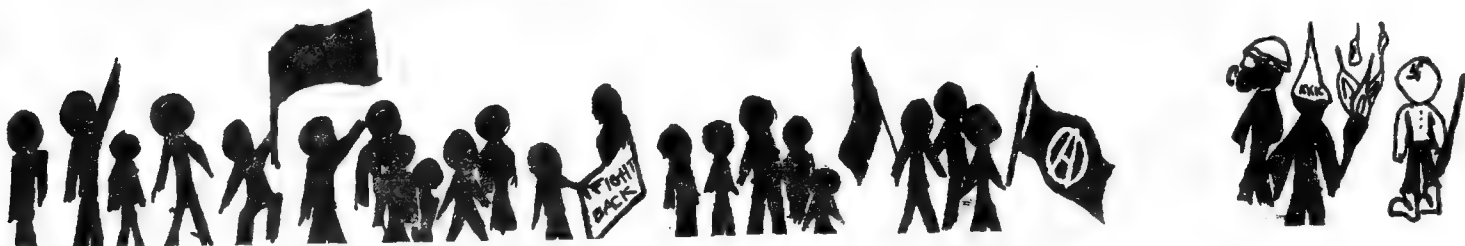
It has come to the point where community resources such as drop in centres and Senior Citizens centres have been so decimated by cuts in funding, that the marginalised people in our community have literally been forced to congregate around shopping centres. Many Pensioners spend their entire day within a shopping centre just to pass the time.

Teenagers often hang out at shopping centres, but not for reasons the management had in mind. Their massive car parks provide great skateboarding facilities and a prime array of cars to hotwire and take for a joyride.

Security guards usually move 'suspected trouble makers' on within seconds of being spotted by a security camera, but the teenagers come back within a few minutes, seeing there is little else to do when you're young, bored and unemployed, but hangout in an effort to kill time.

Another designer concept of social control which is typical of shopping centres is the lack of available seating both inside and out. The Como centre in gentrified South Yarra has taken this concept to a new extreme by making their outside seating so uncomfortable that they can't be sat upon for more than five minutes without severe discomfort. These seats are a perfect example of form over function, as they are made out of steel wire set on blocks only one foot off the ground, thus rendering them merely ornamental to discourage people from loitering. Even on the inside there is little seating to encourage shoppers to keep moving so they can see more goods on display.

Melbourne has not yet reached the class divisions of cities such as Los Angeles where



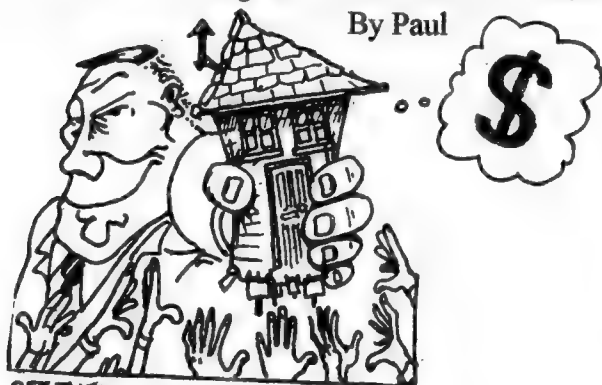




new shopping centres are built far away from public transport to discourage outsiders from entering the sacrosanct domains of the rich. In an effort to spread Anarchist ideas based on the destruction of the class system, we must spread our propaganda far and wide to make people realise that you cannot escape crime simply by building fortress like buildings to exclude undesirables. Emma Goldman once said that 'Society gets the criminals it deserves.' Yet our society has criminalised the poor by taking away what precious little they had to start with. No gains made by the working class have ever been given to us, we have had to fight for everything tooth and nail. Retribution for the damage done to poor communities by the rich has yet to transcend the barrier of class on a massive scale, as it as in Port Moresby or Johannesburg where the rich are under siege by armed gangs they created through their participation in economic systems which rob the poor to feed the rich. The middle and upper classes current obsession with personal safety and social isolation will not lead to an end of crime, far from it, it will only intensify their fear of crime.

Shopping centres and associated architecture based on social control play on the fears of the rich by offering them unreality. Yet, they only offer a temporary escape from the malaise of the outside world which doesn't yet have miniature palm trees on every corner or bland muzak piped out to soothe stressed consumers. Capitalist society is sick and getting sicker each day, the more we attack the institutions of the rich the more band aids they we need to cover up the festering sores of greed and power, until the day they run out of band aids, when we shall finally see the new world being built on the ruins of the old.

By Paul



### poetry

on the bloody backs of my generation  
they constructed multi storey buildings of falseness  
they stamped the burning iron  
of the 'successful one' on our hearts  
on our souls they poured the poison of profit  
and they injected our brains  
with vaccinations of delusions and indifference.  
but their banners will be shredded  
their computer screens will be broken  
their values will be transformed  
into primary material for death-requiems  
and their dreams for the future  
will cease to be cashed into seats  
for the parliamentary gallery.  
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the fiery tongues will swallow  
the rotten constructions of modern dinosaurs  
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by dimitri (transl. from greek)

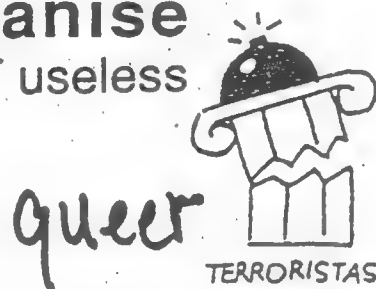


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*fundamentally* **AN EXPRESSION OF**  
**HATE**



"Oh Toto, I think we're in Alabama"

**educate/AGITATE/organise**  
 resistance is NOT useless





# WORKING CLASS HERO

In 1966 Harry Roberts shot to fame for its part in the killing of three policeman. Within 48 hours, people were already starting to celebrate. In Nottingham city centre, Robert Murray attacked a policeman, shouting "Get shot, you bastard!" When the policeman tried to arrest Murray, a woman stepped forward and hit him in the mouth with her handbag, yelling "Leave him alone!" And in West London, William O'Connell stood outside Shepherd's Bush police station (the home of the 3 dead policemen) and taunted "We've had three...let's have four!" He was arrested but went down fighting.

## *Introduction*

On Saturday 30 July 1966, Geoff Hurst blasted his way into the history books, hitting a hat-trick as England beat West Germany to win the World Cup.

Less than two weeks later, and only a few miles down the road, Harry Maurice Roberts became a legend in his own lifetime with a few shots that far out-classed anything Hurst could offer.

Alf Ramsey, the England manager, was knighted for his services to the nation. Harry Roberts got a recommended minimum 30 years. We hope this booklet goes some way to redressing the balance.

## *The Glorious Twelfth*

On Friday August 12th 1966, at 3.30pm, an unmarked police car with three plainclothes officers inside pulled up alongside a battered estate car in Braybrook Street, a stone's throw from Wormwood Scrubs prison in West London. Inside the estate car were John Witney (the winner), John Duddy and Harry Roberts. They'd set out to steal a car but they'd had no joy. So they had decided to rob a rent collector instead.

## *The Real Hat-Trick*

Two policemen, temporary Detective-Constable Wombwell and detective-Sergeant Head got out of their car and walked over to question Witney. They discovered that his insurance cover had run out at midday, and that the car was neither taxed nor roadworthy. They were just about to search the car when Roberts, sitting in the passenger seat, whipped out a Luger pistol and shot Wombwell in the head. D-S Head turned to run and was shot in the back. Meanwhile Duddy had run towards the police car where he shot the driver, PC Fox, at point-blank. As he died, he pressed his foot down on the accelerator and managed to drive over one of his dead colleagues. Meanwhile, Roberts, Duddy and Witney made good their escape.

## *Shit scared*

The first reaction among the ruling class was shock, outrage and panic. It was the first time for more than 50 years that three policemen had died in one incident. During the 1950s there had never been too much to worry about. But the generation now growing up had never been through the War, and they weren't going to be fobbed off with the old appeals for "national unity". People were starting to oppose Britain's support for America in its war in Vietnam. And closer to home, Britain's own last colony, the six counties of Northern Ireland, was beginning to rumble ominously; it was soon to explode in an eruption that is still going on today. Meanwhile, Wilson's Labour government was desperately squeezing wages in a bid to protect profits: workers were beginning to fight back.

Worst of all, there seemed to be a general outbreak of lawlessness among the "lower orders". The Good Old days were slipping away. Mods and rockers were demanding their share of the streets in seaside towns. And the icing on the cake was the Great Train Robbery of 1963. It had fired people's imaginations like nothing before: after all, faced with wage cuts, two and a half million quid didn't seem a bad whack for a few hours work. And now three 'petty car thieves' had had the cheek to blow away three of the Met's finest in broad daylight. To the ruling class, anarchy seemed to be just around the corner...

## *Search & Destroy*

The State's response was swift and brutal. Within hours a team of 200 detectives had been assigned to the case under Detective-Superintendent Robert Chitty. Police and troops armed with minesweepers searched Braybrook Street for bullets or spent cartridges, and roadblocks were set up around various working class districts of London as police hunted the gang.

Cashing in quickly, a national fund was set up for the families of Fox, Head and Wombwell. The papers of the day made out that money poured in from all parts of the country: they told stories of tearful children all over the land walking into police stations and handing over their piggy-banks and pocket money. In actual fact, the bulk of the money came from the upper and middle classes, and the fund eventually reached 210,000 pounds. At the same time, a permanent fund for the families of all policemen killed on duty was established: within days an anonymous donor had given 100,000 pounds. And one businessman even offered the police the loan of his private fleet of 5 aircraft. No prizes for guessing which class he came from. The hysteria (or testieria 'balls in a twist') was so great that ABC TV were forced to apologise for their "bad taste" in showing a pre-recorded programme on the Sunday which included "views critical of the police". Shame on you ABC!



# REVIEWS

## HOW DEEP IS YOUR ECOLOGY?

**COYOTES & TOWN DOGS** Earth First! and the Environmental Movement. Susan Zakin. Viking-Penguin 1993 480pp US \$23.50 ISBN 0-670-83618-4

This book is both inspiring and off putting for those who live outside the USA. It goes into sometimes tedious detail about US environmental organ-isations histories, personalities (activists, patrons, lawyers, politicians) media and advertising strategies and a few confrontational situations tactics. The most interesting 'personality' for me was the first comprehensive biographical treatment of south western iconoclast and **Monkey Wrench Gang & Desert Solitaire** author Edward Abbey whose father was a Wobbly (IWW member). Abbey was buried with-out coffin in his beloved desert wrapped in his anarchist flag in March '89 farewelled with gunfire, music, readings and a drunken wake.

## IF YOU'RE WHITE Yer Alright?

The book could have done with a date system to show what happened ie when Sierra Club was founded who joined, who left it etc. Also missing is the relation between the American Indian Movement and the greenies organisations. At the local level it is seen as slide shows on reservations... meanwhile more partisan authors like Ward Churchill in his **Agents of Repression** clearly looks at the FBI's Counter-Intelligence Program known as COINTELPRO which was set up to smash the old radical immigrant groups and labour organisations and the 'new Left' Black Panther Party, AIM, Central American Solidarity movements etc.

What Zakin does is show the white, male, greenies scene of John Muir, Aldo Leopold, Bob Marshall and David Brower (Friends of the Earth founder). From out of this milieu there was always a marginalised few who used direct action /monkeywrenching to protect wilderness. Everybody likes to think that national parks are full of trees and wildlife alas logging, mining, cattle grazing, roads for tourist developments and 4-wheel drive wankers soon encroach and cut up such 'reserves'. Most fast bucks Capos see them as wrongly, temporarily locked away and the national interest, jobs (really profits for them and corrupt polities who'll let them into 'Parks') like Kakadu in Australia which should be mined for uranium to be sold to the Indonesian military corrupt regime for dodgy nuclear reactors on earthquake fault lines so that can then irradiate Northern Australia? WHAAAAT? Dr John Walmsley in South Australia has set up Warrawong and other real reserves (serious fencing to exclude feral cats and rabbits) with donations and volunteers and breeds platapuses a

feat no other zoo has accomplished because it is kept as wild as possible.

## DEEP ECOLOGY (SO DEEP THEY FELL IN) & BIO or Buy Your Own-REGIONALISM

The philosophy of deep ecology subverts the dominant paradigm of civilisation over nature in favour of harmony with nature...all nature has intrinsic worth, all species are equal and the earth/water world a Gaia, living system. Indigenous/aboriginal people have always known this and enjoyed life. Alas the wild people and wild areas were subjugated by agriculture, monotheistic religion, City-States and nowadays technological civilisation.

Another off shoot of this environmental way of looking at place in the world is bio-regionalism, made popular through Peter Berg's paper **Planet Drum**, and New Society publishing (see **HOME! A Bioregional Reader** edited by Van Andrus, Christopher and Judith Plant and Eleanor Wright which has articles by long haul poet Gary Snyder, municipal libertarian Murray Bookchin, Permaculture agitator Bill Mollison and a look at LETS (Local Ex-change Trading System) and eco-feminism).

The other scene which overlapped with ecologist radicals to give local connection for the E-F! travelling Road Show where Foreman would 'evangelise' spread the word of wilderness defence was dissident Forest rangers and the back to the land, low-tech, organic grower, hippie, New Age Goddess alternatives. With them came all the contradictions of beer drinking red-meat eating 'outlaws' and dope smoking tofu-eating 'weirdos' mixing together with No Compromise! for Earth First! Local groups did grow though and the annual big E-F! get-togethers the Round River Rendezvous etc saw a great mixed tribe argue, eat, drink/smoke and howl at the moon.

Besides 'people of colour' barely getting a mention, gays & lesbians are also out of the picture according to Zakin which has of course lead to those the Official Greens have marginalised setting up their own autonomous organisations eg the Radical Faeries (gay country dwellers). Prolific women writers like Vandana Shiva (**Monocultures of the Mind; Ecofeminism; Biodiversity: Social and Ecological Perspectives;**) do not get a mention by the good old boys 'the buckeroos' or Susan Zakin as she interprets their interests and influences.

Like the 1960s Situationists (revolutionary Marxist anti-artists like Guy Debord) who rejected Ideology (all isms are wasms) Deep Ecologists (like Arne Naess, Bill Devall and **Earth First! Journal** associate editor Christopher Manes) used the intellectual tools they were bashing - obscure, academic philosophical constructs to wend their way back to the basic ideas of native peoples.

Before helping found the Situationists Debord and mates were producing **Potlatch** as the



journal of the Lettrist International in the 1950s. A potlatch is an American Indian term for the tribal feast where foods/crafts made are all gifts.

Unlike the Situationists heavily edited journal **International Situationist** however the **Earth First! Journal** also carried much plain writing to its Dear Shit for Brains column and merchandised t-shirts, stickers, music to raise funds for campaigns and pay organisers bills.

The 'primitivists' (the new Luddites) looked to the the 18th and early 19th century anti-industrial movement which used Ned Lud to sign off its machine-wrecking actions.

The **Earth First! Journal** saw Ned Ludd used as a pseudonym and another was Miss Ann Thropy as a tag for an article which suggested nature had invented AIDS as a way to curtail 'over-population' (already 5 billion humans!) and that famine itself was nature's way of culling off excess people.

### THE AUSTRALIAN FRANCHISE??

"Logging blockades began in Australia in 1979" Zakin tells us and John Seed from the Rainforest Information Centre, Lismore NSW allied Australian and American Earth First! The 1983 non-violent civil disobedience to stop Tasmania's Franklin dam by the Australian Conservation Foundation & the Australian Wilderness Society gets a glowing mention. Yet they lost and the hydro-electric scheme saw the valley flooded. It was the same 'respect-able members of society that run the ACF & WS who attacked Earth First! 'ferals' in the media for their unofficial direct action both in Tasmania and on the mainland in the late 80s. Canopy, the Melbourne E-F! contact continues to have both police (after ecotage actions in East Gippsland) and Official Greens monitoring and hostility.

Val Plumwood, local writer on eco-feminism has written **Mastery Over Nature**. **Inhabit** is the Oz magazine of those exploring bio-regionalism.

Graham Purchase local writer has traced back the anarchist vision of bio-regionalism through 'Utopian' Charles Fourier (1772-1837) and the Russian Nihilists to Peter Kropotkin's **Mutual Aid** and Elisee Reclus's **The Earth**. He also keeps up to date with **The Anarchist Case Against An Australian Green Party** advocating a Greeny & Worker alliance. This has existed eg the 1970s NSW Builders labourers Federation imposed Green Bans or the late 80's attempt to get North Californian logging unionists and Earth First! cooperating which Judi Bari organised.

It is illegal to import **Eco-Defence** into Australia; it gets around in photocopied version nevertheless of course! The third version updated to have Operation Desert Storm camouflage colours on the cover has a much enlarged section on security since the entrapment by the FBI of Foreman et al. The late '95 Earth First convergence in NSW was preceded by a media stunt by the Federal Police anti-terrorist push and the Forest Protection Society proclaiming a terrorist threat loomed. FPS combines workers and bosses to oppose restrictions on logging etc

it is the export woodchipping companies front which organises anti-Green forces.

It is clearly imported from the US where after E-F! media stunts the mining, logging and cattle bosses got lawyers, advertising campaigns, corrupt politicians and their own private armies of thugs to do over the Greenies.

### DIVERSITY aka SPLITS

Late 80s saw a 'split' in Earth First! between the original 'buckeroos' and the 'hippie-feminists'. The FBI was interested in both tendencies especially those they saw as "leaders" like Dave Foreman (author of **Eco-defence - a field guide to monkey wrenching**) and Judi Bari (author of **Timber Wars** - a survivors guide to the Redwood Summer campaign) were entrapped by informers in his case and she was car-bombed...

Foreman and friends edit **Wild Earth!** and are presently trying to link up wilderness areas from Alaska/Canada/USA/Mexico to create a corridor for biodiversity to survive in and travel through. A sort of Green anti-NAFTA.

The Earth First! of the oceans Sea Shepherd Society has a boat the **Edward Abbey** in its fleet of anti-drift-net/anti-whale/anti-seal culling fleet. The ex-founder of Greenpeace Capt'n Paul Watson is the best known activist there and author of **Earth Force** a military/survival strategy for serious environmentalists.

Mike Roselle an Earth First! founder also helped set up the Rainforest Action Network, moving into the offices of Earth Island Institute which David Brower had formed after Friends of the Earth ousted him in 1985. Brower had been ousted from the Sierra Club in 1969. The "archdruid" had also earned the title '*ecocrat*' like the careerists of the Left '*bureaucrat*' the corporate '*feminists*' and politicians '*femocrats*' and servile scientists '*technocrats*'.

The Detroit based paper **Fifth Estate** has since the mid-80s declared for anarcho-primitivism and writers like Fredy Perlman (**Leviathan**) George Bradford (**How Deep is Deep Ecology?**) and John Zerzan (**Elements of Refusal, Future Primitive**) looked critically at the ideologues of Earth First! and the strategies used.

Another paper **Live Wild or Die!** comes over as the 'uncontrollables' who get stuck into listing who's who to be wrecked for their anti-environmental business as usual. After the arrest of alleged UNA-bomber the magazine was demonised by the US media as some of those on it's shit list were bombed - via the postal service - by the UNA-Bomber (so-called for bombing University and Airline capos).

### SHIT HERE COME THE BRITS!

Zakin's book misses altogether the Britain activists around Earth First! who brought the 'non-violent direct action' tactics to the anti-Road and other urban/rural struggles in the 90s.

Now in the late '90s it is groups like the increasingly police hassled **Green Anarchist** who are in the front line with primitivism war cry "for a free society in harmony with nature. This generation are ecodefenders, animal liberationists, anti-militarism, sexual politics, anti-fascists, active in community resistance, have articles on zero-work, porn, review and distribute a variety of independent publications. They also have their own urgent action network and emphasise security ("your own responsibility" use a false name or your forename only...)

GA disclaim all they do as for entertainment purposes only "No material is intended to incite any action liable to lead to criminal or civil charges. Can't you take a joke?" 40 issues on they have progressed from their non-violent civil disobedience origins to mixing primitivism with **Class War** style confrontational style.

### Earth First! is Dead! (?)

Issue #39 reviews EF!UK. In its 4 years existence E-F!UK has seen two tendencies battling. Those who would pacify and deradicalise EF! have won as the centralising 'fluffies' (n-v hacks) dictate what action takes place 'within the law' restricted to hand-picked stunt-men and for media purposes only. Their goal is environmental protection not ecological and social revolution. The 1992 agreement to accept and publicise the Earth Liberation Front as E-F!UK's underground wing has been ditched and EF! sucks up to Greenpeace and FoE and elitist middle class nest feathering sellouts. Activists have remained inspired by early actions but set up their own camps, autonomous and community centred to carry out the aims of eco-direct action. E-F! oz carries on with all tendencies still in some network but interests and tactics being decided locally as the geographical distance and cost for most members to converge/ publish papers beyond them.

Locally in Australia we have seen attempts to liven up the predictable 'actions' but usually we get outnumbered by the careerists, the middle class who are the most eloquent. With student papers and 'unions' getting defunded it will be interesting to see how the next wave of eco-defenders organise. The super-unions like the amalgamated Construction, Forestry, Mining & Energy Union have pro and anti-logging for export woodchips members...

It is ironic that yet again the Russian Nihilists advocacy of small scale society, destruction of centralised authority and technology & industry is being spoken of and acted upon. as The disaster of so-called progress, both capitalist and State Socialist, 'civilisation' has sown the wind now it shall reap the tempest.

### COIONIZING THE SEED

Genetic Engineering & Techno-Industrial Agriculture

Gyorgy Scrinis. Published by Friends of the Earth Anti-Genetic Engineering Collective 312 Smith Street Collingwood 3066

'The Schwazenegger Pepper' graphic by Peter Lyssiotis and the Genetic Barcode image by Mathilde Lochert on the front and back cover let you know what is happening as you read this. Where once diversity and local-indigenous knowledge ensured good yields of plant food now technocrats on behalf of Corporate capitalists like UniLever want to make hybrid copy-righted seeds for what they grow for profit and market as 'food'. The same chemical-Industrial agriculture that brought you petro-chem disasters like Bhopal and regular oil spills, toxic pesticides like Dioxin and other Haz-Chem fuck-ups now are mutating seed's DNA to bring us the 21st century sci-fi horror of genetic pollution.

### PETITIONS & DIRECT ACTION

On April 24, 1987, Earth First! eco-raiders yanked out a patch of 2,000 strawberries that had been treated with a genetically engineered form of bacteria called Frostban or ice-minus that was designed to retard frost. Advanced Genetic Sciences owned the ice-minus patent and did its testing despite San Francisco EF! and Green Party members collecting 1,200 antitestng petition signatures from the 5,600 Brentwood population. The county supervisors and the State Court would not stop the test but the strawberry sabotage continued slowing down the tests.

### MONOCULTURE 1,000 acres of the same cash crop crap

Gyorgy details how uniformity, hybrid seeds, chemical fertilisers and pesticides and soil degradation by corporate agro-biz have also squeezed out the small producer since the 60s Green Revolution. 90s Genetics goes further: the new biological imbalances will undermine the health-giving quality of food; and genetic pollution makes a far greater long term risk than petro-chemical toxins.

As a techno-fix 'cure' to the problems already made by chemical industrial agriculture it is really an escalation of the WAR on the environment. Plants are being engineered to tolerate degraded and salted soils wrecked by chemical- intensive monoculture farming; to cope with greater levels of toxic chemicals which in turn need new pesticides to keep one step ahead of the insects and diseases that evolve resistances...it will prolong monocult-ure and further erode the land.

Vandana Shiva reckons that "seed that reproduces itself stays free, a common resource and under the farmers' control". The biotechnological *invasion into and control of the seed - or colonisation of the seed* - will mean the seed cannot produce itself without the application of manufactured inputs to survive and grow or reproduce itself as it is rendered impotent to do so. In other words you pay the company for weak seeds that need chemicals etc to survive every time you want to grow food as the seeds have BUILT IN OBSOLESENCE! So more debt, more monopoly, more land lost, more hunger.



## LIVING TRADEMARKS

### or LUDDITES?

As if fools paying companies to wear their corporate logos and slogans on hats and t-shirts ain't bad enough no secretive sinister Scientists at Ciorporations like Novagene are bar-coding genetic codes and "writing the company logo into a cell, the world's first living trademark" (sic.)

Surely some people out there are opposing this totalitarian sci-fi nightmare? Yep! From the family, neighbour, and group or networks of seeds savers around the world to those trying to ring the alarms to get educated about the dangers, exposing the profiteers, demand labelling of genetic products as additives are listed now; boycotts of genetic crap, supporting food coops and organic producers *create alternatives*. As the push behind this is global some have taken up direct action to wreck the crops, destroy the labs, hassle the scientists and profiteers, break the silence or like the EZLN Zapatistas of Chiapas taken up arms to overthrow the corrupt collaborators with their exploiters the global corporations who profit from this misery!

**IN THE ABSENCE OF THE SACRED The Failure of Technology & the Survival of the Indian Nations** Jerry Mander  
Sierra Club Books 1991. ISBN 0-87156-739-3.

The author of *Four Arguments for the Elimination of Television*, Jerry Mander is a former capitalist Advertiser who now works at the non-profit ad agency Public Media Centre in San Francisco and the Elmwood Institute ecological think tank in Berkeley. I found this book in Brunswick Public Library which is good as a hardback it costs \$45; more than I would usually have to spend on a book. After reading so many deep ecology, bio-regional, primitivist papers it was pretty daunting to get into a 440 page tome. It's worth it though what follows is how I'd summarise what I found interesting.

### NUKES THE PYRAMIDS OF THE INDUSTRIAL (LAST) EMPIRE

"TECHNOLOGY IS NEUTRAL, THE PROBLEM IS HOW WE USE IT, WHO CONYROLS IT." argue those who are 'civilised'(domesticated). Yet nuclear technology moves society in an autocratic, totalitarian direction. It is expensive, dangerous and controlled by centralised financial, government and military institutions. Community control is 'incompatible', local Council or State Governments cannot block the movement and disposal of radioactive waste. (To get the British who did nuclear bomb tests at Maralinga to clean up the site, pay compo to the irradiated soldiers and blinded aboriginals has been a 3 decade saga of international negotiations and stalling which is presently seeing top soil moved to (maybe near you?) allow revegetation.) In May 1996 Germany saw 10,000 cops mobilised to move radioactive waste to a dump site which locals did not want.

The French 'nuclear tests' (bombs for fuksake!) on Mururoa Attoll took place despite Pacific wide and international protest including Greenpeace Rainbow Warrior II ship disruption. Anti-conservative cuts protests in November/December 1995 and riots in Tahiti both made the rich tell Chirac to calm down, concede a little to regain dominance. Uranium mining in Kakadu, Northern Territory looks likely as the bloody Suharto lead Indonesian regime wants to have its own nuclear reactors and the global capos, military and politicians are eager to extend nuclear technology.


A new "priesthood" a technical and military caste who guard nuclear waste products for the next 250,000 years that they will remain dangerous has become compulsory. Even if tomorrow industrial society was ended and we all returned to agrarian living the techno boyos would need to remain to deal with the toxic wastes left behind by nukes and petro-chemical fascism. Thus nuclear tech is *always* centralist and militarist.

Solar energy though is buildable and operable by small groups, most cost effective on small scale (which is why corporations oppose it) and does not require a 250,000 year techno guardians.

### TECHNOTOPIA

If you can take or leave "duff" music aka techno beat alas you gotta be bloody fanatical to resist technotopia. We get told 'best case' scenarios to forget bad news like Wittenoom/Byugal asbestos victims; Maralinga disaster, shipping oil spills, Global warming/ozone depletion from cars, the Coode Island time bomb (the fire in '92 spread the smoke to the CBD so the rich want that disaster waiting to happen moved to a prole area or some 'nowhere' parrot habitat according to Prince Jeff), or Bhopal & Chernobyl the modern Hiroshima/Nagasaki grim necessities for "Progress".

Computers & internet will solve your alienation. Sure! Everyday we live techno 'reality' Aussies are the most suburbanised people in the world. Everywhere is pavement, bitumen road/car parks and gigantic concrete structures (neo-brutalist architecture is the vogue eg shopping malls & the Casino). Automobiles, planes, computers, appliances ('white goods' sounds clean but covers up dalek like core), tv, electric lights, artificial air are all our senses touch, observe, smell, react to. The other reality 'nature' is absent except for weather. Melbourne, the basalt plains with its six seasons once had diverse flora, fauna and people lived here for at least 40,000 years now the local streams and Yarra river is undrinkable most think unswimable too! We are merged with our objects. On an assembly line you must function at the speed of the line submit to repetitive physical and mental demands. In a acar you are forced to focus your mind & body reactions to the road and machine...The more time we spend doing this the more it becomes 'normal' all that we know (feels weird, a drag, for losers, dangerous, unnerving to walk long distances unless it is when you are dressed to jog 'officially' out of your car.) We



move at techno speed, live our lives in reconstructed environments *inside* manufactured goods. When we look outside or try to see from the outside our techno lives we find it harder to imagine life before say TV or cars, of the bush and quiet. We can visit a 'park' ornamental gardens a temporarily fenced off natural resource full of commodities (Oz flora or fauna for tourism \$ or tress for woodchip toilet paper or site for a mineral mine or space for 'development' of holiday resorts or extending suburbia. The State giveth and the State taketh away 'wilderness' or nature zoos. You make reservations & pay to visit like a movie. How "primitive" must be those who live naturally (within nature) and as we progress and live inside our own minds evolving artifacts incestuously in faster cycles as the biological holocaust escalates. Aussies colonisation has killed off more species in 200 years than any other region of the world. This in a region that sustained the longest tribal culture (40-100,000 years). Australienation, Ausfailure is the theme park of the mega-machine how nice we shall host the 2000 Olympics we are the host to the parasite techno that consumes all

The megamachine of world capitalism fixates us hypnotising with its new machines, flash dazzling with promise for you if you get one too. The personal and narrow view that microwaves cook dinner quick, computers help us work, the car drives us shopping is alienated. Use value is all no time to question why whoopee we're all gonna die for convenience. But thats okay the amount of preservatives you eat will mean your corpse will rot slower so you'll look good past your use by date. Who gains who loses, how does it affect the global environment? Who cares eh fuck over people and the environment the Premier does it why can't you! Chuck sand in their faces kids as you open City link (aka shitty stink) for carnageddon.

This dying century has evolved machinery so fast that our senses are no longer accurate "seeing is believing" oh yeah? Edited, re-created, re-enacted, sped-up, slowed down, manufactured imagery is not the same as birds in the sky yet we trust the media empowering advertisers, programmers and politicians. Why? because we personally saw it along with millions of others. Skeptics are modern heretics. *Is That The Truth Or Did You Read It In The Herald-Sun?* If reality aint bent enough try Virtual Reality \$10 for 5 minutes at the South Bank art attack theme park or watch the **Desert Storm** (remember that show the GULF WAR?) video with highlights that you might have missed.

## MEGATECH MEGA-TACKY MEGA-DEATH

*All technologies should be assumed guilty until proved innocent.*

David Brower.

The monolith of techno has as its head the media, manufacturing consent sending out the marching orders to the body corporate. TV cannot be taken over and used by the 'revolutionaries' Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely be it dictator, nuclear power or TV.

*The revolution will not be televised* sings Gil-Scott-Heron.

How can it be abolished in isolation from its "compatible" computers, satellites in outer space, genetics and nano-technology in inner space, and all the 'smart machines' the Navy advertises. The whole, the sum of the technological parts is megatech, **Leviathan** Fredy Perlman names it, New World Order capitalism.

There is no debate, no 'vote' or "consultation" about new technologies let alone the system. Valiant few opposed research and development buildings and projects sponsored by 'benevolent dictator', the world's largest mining company CRA-RTZ at La Trobe University. There was no trial period for cars, for telephones, for computers and Internet all of which are knotted with military projects and uses. Experiments in the Nazi concentration camps *industrialised mass murder*. The Nazi Scientists, findings and research were taken up by other nations and corporations 'scientists' to develop psychiatric repression, Werner von Braun's rockets in space exploration, chemical and biological warfare...In a bizarre twist Pol Pot lead Khymer Rouge declared Red & Green Dictatorship: anti-City Phnom Penh was abandoned, anti-industry and into organic farming they even composted human bodies. A parallel development with the early Nazi ecology ideology of organic farming, paganism, vegetarianism in Hitler's case, anti-vivisection Laws. Both are authoritarian, both Nationalist, xenophobic and ideologically talk of 'socialism', the masses and imposing the will of the Leader who will save them from the conspiracy/apocalypse. Clearly with such sects as the followers of Lyndon La Rouché/Citizens Electoral Council, fashionism political machine slavery is always an answer for those who revel in industrialism.

## RESISTANCE

Luddites - in 19th Century England huge numbers of workers in cottage industries went on the rampage against the introduction of mass-production equipment especially in the textile trades. They invaded factories and destroyed machines. The movement used the name General Ned Ludd whom the Authorities declared #1 Enemy of the State and the Death Penalty was established for the destruction of the new technology. The British military General Wellington used more troops in operations to crush the Luddites than he used in the much retold battle of Waterloo etc with the French military General Napoleon. This 'amnesia' - forgetting is of course political. The term 'neoluddite' has been used again today to demonise "greenies" just as 'saboteur' was the abuse term for rebellious wage slaves used by Bosses.

In the 1960s conservation movements that moved beyond protection of wilderness & wildlife began to focus on the dangers of specific technologies to flora and fauna...opposition to Supersonic transport, nuclear energy, nuclear weapons and constructing dams on wild rivers erupted.



Rachel Caron's book **Silent Spring** stimulated the fight against DDT and other pesticides. By the 1970s Vietnam War veterans and the Vietnamese themselves were aware of Agent Orange the dangerous herbicide and fungicide. Organic growers began to educate and organise their own distribution networks opposing nitrogen fixed fertilisers (super phosphate from Nauru for wheat farms and sugar cane plantations depleted soils) and fumigants. Instead composting and mulching to grow fruit and vegetables. Alternatives to fossil fuels & nuclear power increased DIY research. Strip mining of land, woodchipping old growth forests, drift netting the sea and dredging the sea bed eg for scallops in Porth Phillip Bay became 'issues'.

The omnipresent automobile was banned from pedestrian 'malls', traffic was calmed with speed humps, roundabouts and in Collingwood Freeway expansion was rejected with the barricade of the F19. Pressure increased for smog control systems and smaller, longer lasting, more fuel efficient cars. Bicycling became trendy and cycle paths established.

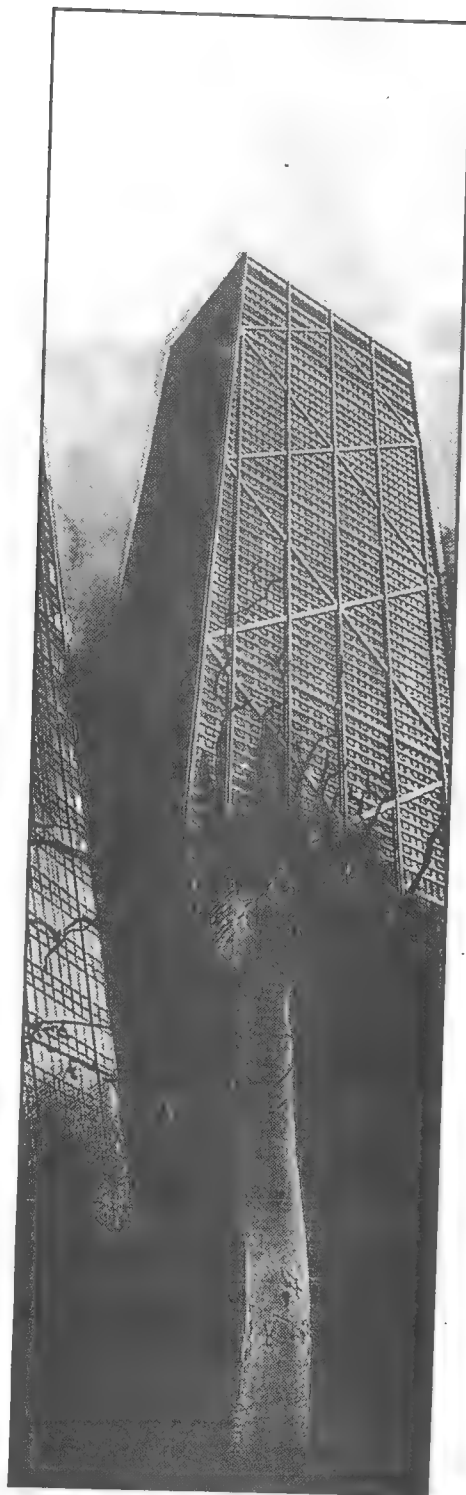
Disposable packing was seen as a problem at last and 'reduce, reuse, recycle' emerged from the margins of society. Food additives, household sprays, non-biodegradable detergents, water pollution, food irradiation and genetic engineering were problems not quickly fixed but new techno solutions all expensive weremarketted. Corporations like BHP & Shell began to sponsor places like Healesville Sanctuary as capitalism put a lick of green paint on its merchandising.

Permaculture, going back to basic food, shelter, energy designed to be sustainable with food forests, low impact mud-brick, passive-solar homes, compost toilets, recycled grey water, chooks to eat pests etc began to grow.

Bio-diversity not agribiz. Esther Deans **No Dig Garden** technique became a universal rediscovery 'in the belly of the beast' the City.

Small, appropriate scale, low-impact, decentralised terms used to cover steady state economics instead of unlimited growth have again been squeezed, spun out to the periphery ... the masses weight of numbers now 5 billion (3 billion in Cities, the other 2 billion serving those Cities) heavy reproduce technotopia everyone wants a car, CD-player, microwave, internet www site, space travel. Each and all push harder on the accelerator setting the controls on automatic for the techno-maelstrom, the cutting edge, the art of the state of the biological holocaust. The most pessimistic conclusion like that of the cyberpunk sci-fi writers is that the next stage "post-biological utopia" in which humans and nature are irrelevant, subservient of the machine is imminent.


Still further updating the culture of resistance Mander examines the Native American Indian and other 'indigenous peoples' survival of five hundred years of colonisation. In the rain forests, the tundras of the North, the deserts too the battles for sovereignty to protect the land and resources are being fought out. The OK Tedi people in Papua New Guinea 'won' a settlement



from BHP recently but the long run closure of the mine, cleaning of the Fly River and revegetation of the surrounding land is just that long haul no matter what \$ were given back as compo. There are many such struggles going on in Australia and nearby it is up to us to act not just in solidarity with them but to act for ourselves against the Machine here and now where everyday we either *resist* or collaborate!

Most of the books, magazines mentioned can be got through Barricade Books or read in the library. Otherwise you can write off direct to:

**Earth First!**  
**Fifth Estate.**  
**Green Anarchist**  
**Live Wild or Die**  
**Wild Earth**



# READ OUR LIPS

## WHY WE KISS

WE KISS IN AN AGGRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION OF AFFECTION.

WE KISS TO PROTEST THE CRUEL AND PAINFUL BIGOTRY THAT

AFFECTS THE LIVES OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN.

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OURSELVES.

## SO GET USED TO IT!

ALL LESBIANS AND GAY MEN ARE SUBJECT

TO VERBAL, PHYSICAL AND/OR SEXUAL

ASSAULT BECAUSE OF SOCIETY'S

IGNORANCE AND FEAR.

# PARTY LINES & POLITICS ala POLYTRIX



Lately the neo-fascist followers of Lyndon La Rouché in Australia (who are organised as the Citizens Electoral Council and publish a paper the *Citizen* which we shall hereafter refer to as *the Shit*) have begun to claim that they are anti-fascist.

The CEC financial accounts according to a company audit for 1994 show \$900,000 went through their accounts which puts them on a far more seriously financed footing than most other 'far-right' groups. Indeed they have moved from their old Blair Street Moreland offices to Bell Street Coburg (near the railway line). They have also produced Federal election special edition of *the Shit* with paid adverts in the Leader group local newspaper *Moreland Sentinel*, for their local Leader and candidate Christopher Isherwood who stood in Wills (got 150 votes!) as part of a nationwide team of wannabe polities. They distributed *the Shit* to all homes in the Wills Electorate and continue to push *the Shit* on selected streets in the local area. They produced a special issue for the Drugs debate in the Victorian Parliament which of course opposed any legalisation and whose line says that the British Royal Family are the biggest drug pushers in the world. Interestingly the Coburg copshop in Bell Street had copies of *the Shit* anti-drugs special in its waiting room. La Rouché began as a leftist pushing for pollicie career by arguing for class struggle ala Trotskyism but finding little interest in his variety competing with 57 other varieties of Leninism opted for the Populist but conservative career. He has been associated with getting gays and well known left activists bashed and corruption. La Rouché was left money by assorted conservatives who excluded relatives from their wills. Relatives complained which attracted the attention of the Tax Dept/IRS who began to look at his finances. He immediately screamed persecution which has lead to the long running campaign to exonerate him by his followers.

Lately *the Shit* has been running pictures of conservative Black politicians who back his campaign for President and exoneration and separatist Leaders like Louis Farakhan who has also a conservative agenda. More interesting is in line with the anti-fascist imagery is the denunciation of privatisation ala the Left attacking the likes of the Tasman Institute in Elizabeth Street near Vic Markets. They also claim to defend workers right to organise in unions and had an interview with the Ambulance drivers official about their campaign against the Kennett government cuts. If you were to get a copy of say the

## The HIDDEN truth about NEXUS magazine

Nexus magazine includes articles about 'conspiracies' and 'the unexplained'. Here are a few of the unexplained facts about Nexus itself and its links to far Right racists and the militia movement which we would like Nexus to explain.

- Nexus printed a four part history of banking where **Hitler** and **Mussolini** were named as the last men who could have stopped the 'usurious' Jewish bankers. (Notes beneath recommended racist far Right books like *White America* and *Teutonic Unity* – a Ku Klux Klan favourite.)
- Nexus has included articles by prominent **militia leaders** including Mark Koernke (aka 'Mark from Michigan') who was arrested as an initial suspect in the **Oklahoma bombing**. A Nexus article by militia adjutant general Linda Thompson called for an armed march on Congress to arrest Congressmen for treason.
- Nexus included an excerpt from *Spotlight* – a far Right US paper which promotes **Holocaust revisionism**.
- Nexus includes adverts from far Right groups including a white supremacist group which believes that Anglo-Saxons are the 'chosen people' and Jews are pawns of the devil.
- Nexus' UK distributor assisted **David Icke** in writing a chapter for his current book which attacks the facts of the Holocaust. Icke's book blames a "**global Jewish clique**" (pg 52, 124) for World War 1, World War 2, the Russian Revolution and the rise of Hitler. He calls this "Jewish clique" "merciless ... sick and diabolical". Icke calls the Nuremberg trial of nazi war criminals "an insult to natural justice". Icke recommends the French **Holocaust denier** Paul Rassinier, who dismisses the reports by concentration camp survivors as "ill-natured gossip". Icke's book gives contact addresses for far Right/racist publications. Far Right groups including the nazi street-thug group **Combat '18** have praised Icke's work. How did Nexus review this nasty and anti-semitic book of Icke's? Nexus called it "A must-read book!". Icke's previous book was based on the notorious anti-Jewish forgery the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" – a book which helped **Hitler** to justify the Holocaust.
- Nexus Editor Duncan Roads is friends with Robert Pash (publisher of *New Dawn*). Pash has a history of far Right activism in Australia. He was the Australian representative for the white supremacist **Aryan Nations** group. In the mid-80s "**Fight for White Rights Now!**" stickers were available from Pash's PO box. Pash and Roads have visited Libya together – Pash also helped arrange the visit of leaders of Britain's racist **National Front** to Libya.

**Open Eye** investigative magazine (no. 3) includes Noam Chomsky, Prof. Tim Lang and Vandana Shiva. Articles include: • Icke and the Nazis • Non-Lethal Weapons • Fatal Electropulse tests • Heretical Science – the campaign against alternative medicine • Who bombed *Earth First*? • Address: BM Open Eye, London WC1N 3XX (tel 0956 250654). Send £1.80 (to 'Open Eye') for a copy of issue 3. (Photocopies of articles about Nexus, David Icke and 'New Age Nazism' – from the *New Statesman* and *New Moon* magazines – included if requested.) (Open Eye April 1996)

**Worker News** published by the Socialist Labour League and put it up against *the Shit* a lot of the Party 'line' overlaps. Bizarre to some but as anarchists have always said any authoritarian Party lead by The Leader sees the world as a myriad of conspiracies, internal traitors to their one true vision are denounced with even more vigour than the usual external hate scapegoats. It is all just rhetoric, sloganeering, politicians promises when they push their line what they really wanna do is consolidate their empire, crush their opposition by State power and then settle down to squabble over who becomes Leader after the glorious Founding Father carks. The brief rise to prominence of the National Action style skinhead/biker/red-neck country anti-Asian racist is rapidly being overshadowed by the rise to take over the ground of the National Party by the Australia First push.

Graham Campbell expelled from the ALP for speaking at one too many League of Rights anti-semitic meetings is currently campaigning nationally to get all the disaffected reactionaries into one organisation. His model AF is based on the NZ First headed by Winston Peters conservative Maori. AF hopes to bring in the Shooters Rights Party lost sheep and others to back him up. The AF leader Campbell represents the largest electorate in Australia which has several mining companies raping the earth in who are happy to have him as the local corrupt member. Like the La Rouché CEC he has some serious money backing him.

Meanwhile the old National Action Leader Jim Salem of Sydney is out of jail and the interim Leader Michael Brander of Adelaide is out of favour. Yet another candidate for Leadershit looms from Smelbin.





DOES CLASS EXIST?  
DOES SHIT STICK TO A BLANKET?  
OF COURSE IT FUCKIN' DOES!

CLASS WAR

To help explain it check out the diagrams.

Primitive society (fig. 1) is an empty circle. There is no State or classes. Aboriginal society lived like this for at least 40,000 years. (The Europeans who invaded Australia came from Empires that arose out of the land enclosures which saw mass poverty and State terror. Its colonies grew with the convict system that expanded by slavery, theft and murder.)

When the slave-driver cracks the whip the first ruling class appears (fig. 2): the free men of the tribe are those friendly to the Chief who uses the warriors for internal oppression as well as external aggro or defence.

In the medieval society (fig. 3) we see the ruling class emerge. It forms the upper strata. In some societies the "armed forces" segment can be extended to include the rest of the circle (in Patriarchy-all men are warriors) In some the Church will be extended, for all "believers". Enforcement of decisions made by the upper strata through Laws and Judges divides rule more.

In modern capitalist society (fig. 4) the top is the landowners, industrialists, financiers. The top section cuts across the vertical divisions, marking out the generals, top civil servants, judges, politicians. In feudal society only the Church made a bridge across the line to the top. All the same there is a clear line as to who is "above" and who is "below" (politicians, judges, Generals even entrepreneurs can be sacked or jailed if others in the the ruling class decide they must go).

The middle class is divided from the working class by a wavy line (fig. 5). The "lower middle class" can be down on "working class" levels ie. snobs who reckon they are really bourgeois. Some shopkeepers or market stall holders who reach down into the submerged level, according to economists are middle class!

The submerged class like the armed or police forces put fear into people. Many fear falling into the pit of poverty more than jail. Work for dole etc schemes put people on public works or into sweat-shops as "training" an example for the rest of the wage-slaves to hate and fear.

In the middle class horizontal level we find police chiefs, bank managers, trade union leaders. On the same side of the working class stratum we find police. Cops economic interests are as workers BUT they are divided by the Governmental system (vertical line). Ideas of 'duty' make the line impassable.

The soldier, if a conscript, may ignore the line if the command-and-obey ritual is broken. Even the cops have done so (the police strike in the 1920s) but normally when they do so they are dismissed. Using the police for traffic control or the Army for flood relief does not change the fact that they are

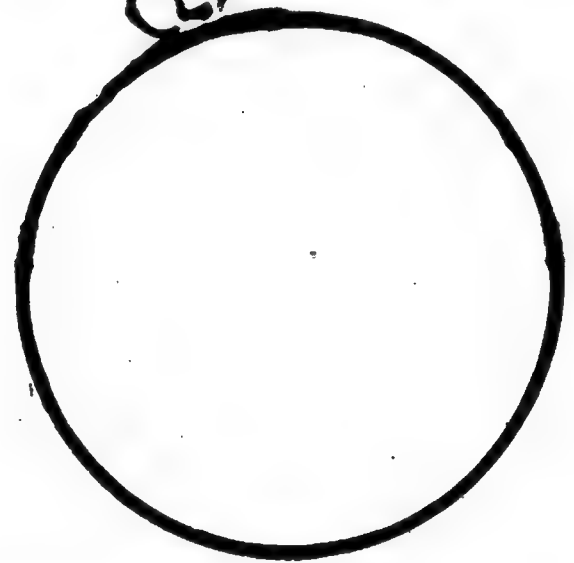


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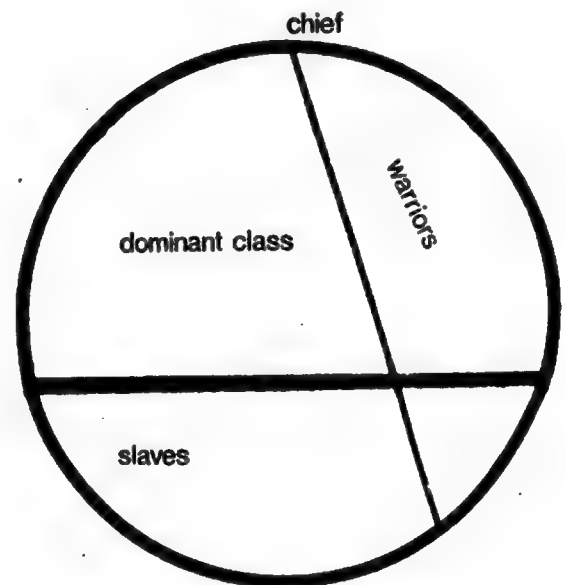


fig 2 the primitive state

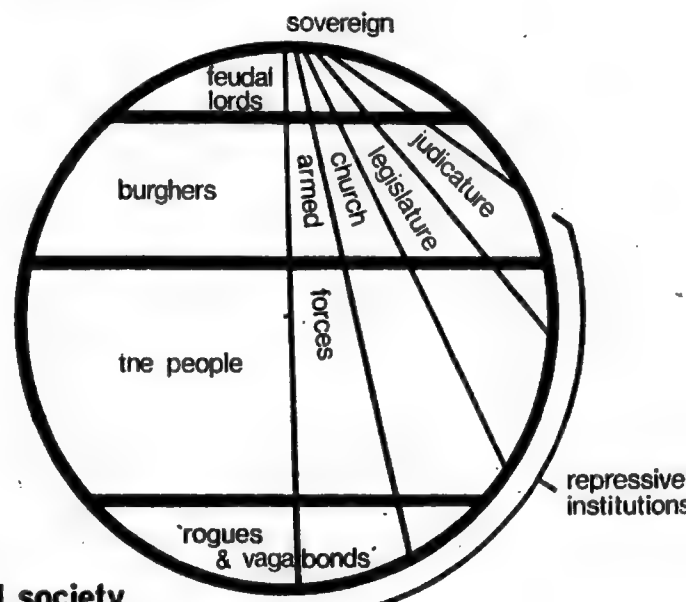


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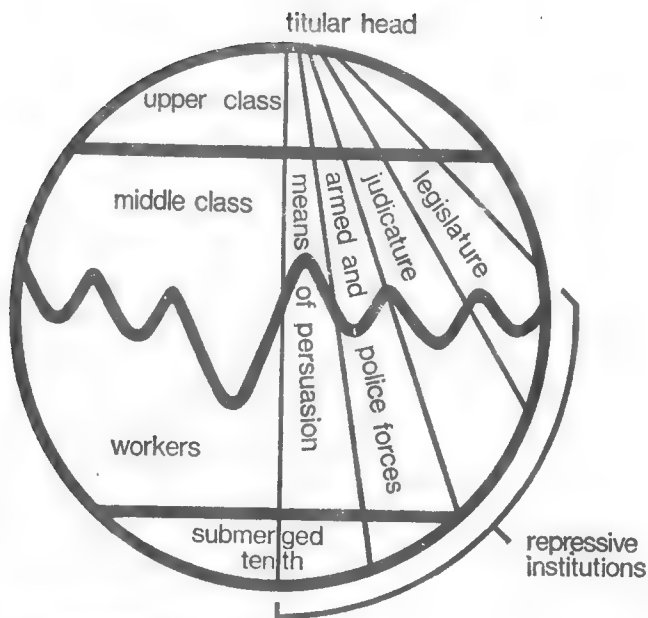


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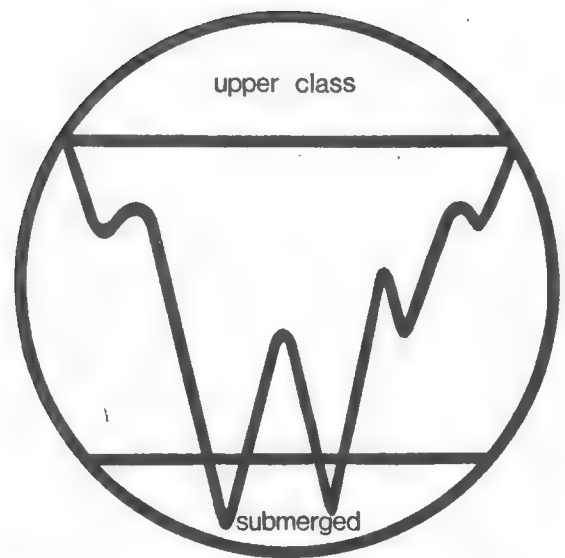


fig 5 the 'geiger-counter' of capitalism

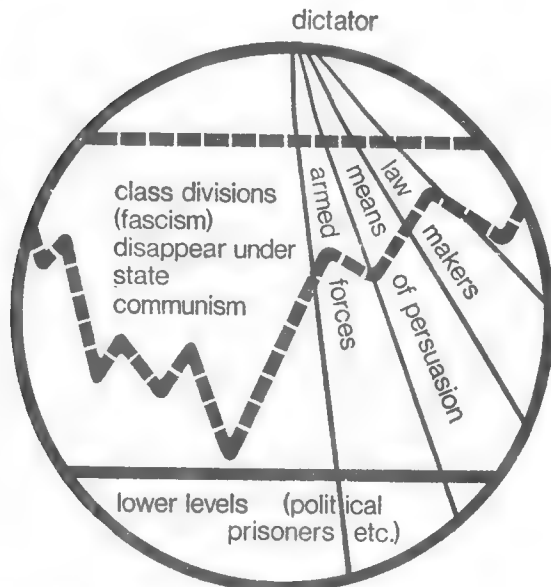


fig 6 the totalitarian state

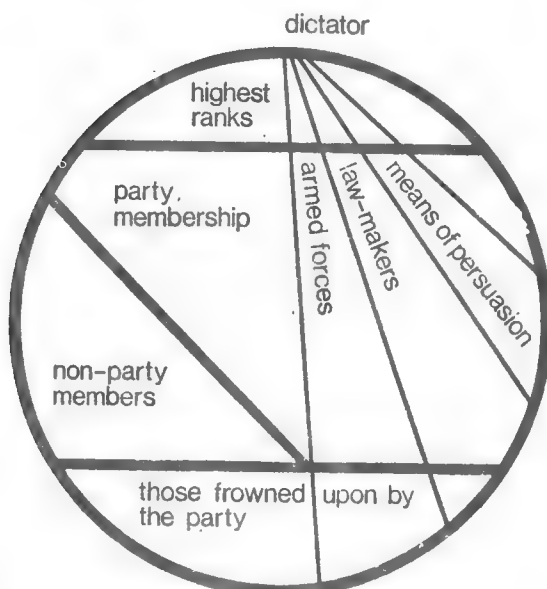


fig 7 the totalitarian party in society

there to break picket lines, baton your skull, jail or kill you on behalf of the Government or Boss.

In totalitarian systems (fig. 6) sooner or later everyone becomes a servant of the state. Under state-socialism or communism the class divisions (straight and wavy lines) become blurred and in theory 'disappear'. In fascism not so. In both the ruling class tends to become identified as 'the bureaucracy' which has taken the role of the Church or Mosque. The horizontal layer at the bottom does not disappear.

The Party in the Totalitarian regime stabilises the circle with an inner segment (fig. 7). The head of State is supreme and a mixture of classes emerges. The submerged level includes those who have lost their party cards and the lower ranks of the party (the deviationists).

The means of persuasion (family, school, church, Party, media) blur the fact there are classes. Work hard and you'll be rich, anyone can become Prime Minister. Gamble at the Casino, Lotto and you'll never have to work again; Australia is the lucky country there are no exploited, no classes etc.

Laissez-faire capitalism, the new Right, would blur the segmentary lines. Social democracy would revise them. In a welfare state the 'geiger-line' may be regulated. Conservatives would maintain the straight line. Kings and Presidents are imaginary dots on the circle. Dictators maintain their power only when they can maintain their place on the circumference where lines of division meet. Power exists when the will of the people and the wishes of the rulers coincide. (eg War time) Fashioning the will of the people is essential for Government.

Political debate argues the correct proportions in the diagrams: should we cut down on the civil service? Curb government spending? Revise defence estimates? Extend the legal system? Have a fossil fuel or nuclear powered economy? Should we bring back 'Christian/ Islam/ Hindu whatever values'?

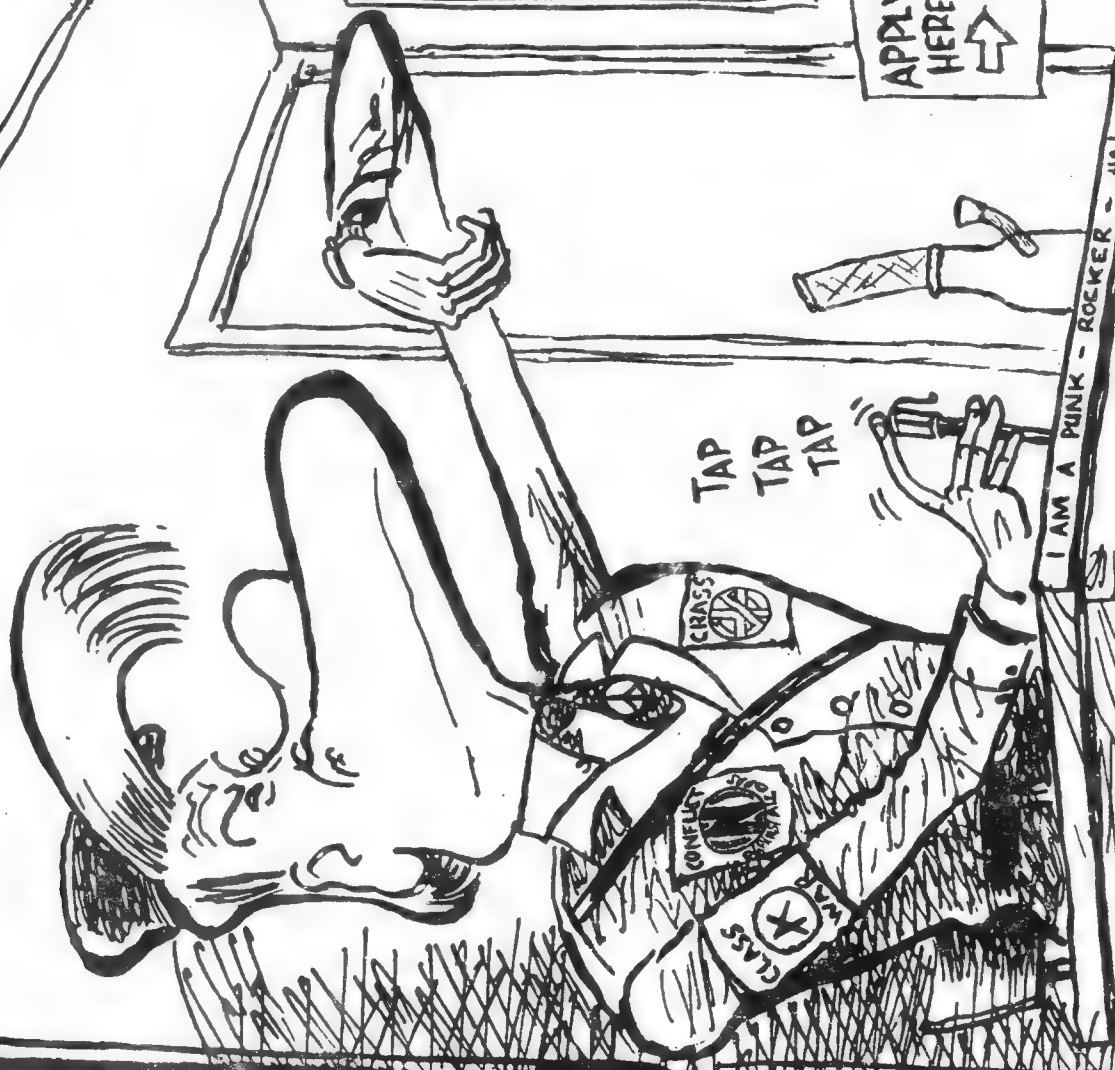
Anarchists reject this debate advocating the return to a blank circle. Anarchy will be global. Its lack of masters or repressive institutions will ensure that those born free will live free and wild.

Adapted from *The Floodgates of Anarchy*  
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# Notes on Hunger Strikes and Death Fasts in Turkish Prisons During May-July 1996

Istanbul 8th August 1996

## ***A Brief Background***

The problems that are lived in Turkish prisons nowadays, are the results of a long term accumulation, which now turns to an explosion. In the last 25 years, the number of political prisoners -apart from temporary times- never decreased below the thousands. If we happen to take in care the situation of thousands of the people that are imprisoned only due to their political thoughts, we can understand the level of question much better.

Unlike other countries, the revolutionary struggle which became a huge mass movement between 1968 and 1971, never calmed down in Turkey. This movement, composed of more than 50 different "Socialist Left" groups, has determined the existence of the revolutionary struggle here in Turkey.

On 12th March 1971, there has been a military coup as a result of which, thousands of people have been imprisoned, tortured and sentenced to long term imprisonment. In those days, 3 revolutionaries were executed in a prison in Ankara and, tens of other revolutionaries were killed during the armed clashes. After 4 terrible years of oppression, the climate started to change: apart from those who were sentenced to life imprisonment, all other political prisoners were freed. Between the years 1975 and 1980, the revolutionary movement has made an unexpected progress: in 1st May 1977 more than 300 000 people have marched. After this quick increase, the state has declared martial law in *Istanbul*, *Ankara* and *Diyarbakır* cities. Nevertheless, this big movement, supported by countless illegal organizations, could not been controlled by a martial law. Then on 12th September 1980, the army has made a military coup. Parliament and political parties were dissolved and the army was in charge of the country. Of course, an intensive human hunt has started soon after the military coup and it continued till 1987. About 100 000 people were arrested and heavily tortured. 50 000 of the arrested people were imprisoned. 52 people were executed (hanged up), 800 people were killed under torture and in the armed clashes.

## ***Prison Struggle comes on the agenda***

After the military coup of 12th september 1980, while all the left-wing and revolutionary political forces were defeated, it was only the prisons where the resistance continued. In those days, the resistance in the prisons was the only inspiration for the revolutionaries and in fact it was the only political struggle against the fascist coup. While the prison movement had such a function, on the other hand the state started to adopt new laws which would repress all the prisoners. This assault of the state was answered by a huge resistance starting from 1982. In a city called *Diyarbakır* in Turkish Kurdistan (East Turkey) 4 Kurdish revolutionary prisoners have burned their selves up protesting the repressions, and as they were not taken to hospital on time, they all died. Soon after this action, all the prisoners have started a hunger strike. The strike has continued for 40 days and 4 more prisoners have died in this strike. From then on, *Diyarbakır* prison has been the focus of the prison resistance till nowadays. During the 8 years (from 1980 to 1988) totally 83 revolutionary prisoners have died in the resistance in *Diyarbakır* prison.. Meanwhile, in 1984 there has been a hunger strike in a prison called *Metris* in *Istanbul* and 4 revolutionary prisoners have died in this action. The resistance continued in all prisons of Turkey till 90s, leaving tens and tens of deaths behind.

In 1991, a partial amnesty was declared and so the thousands of the revolutionary prisoners were freed. But, as there has not been a change in the political conditions of the country, from one door of the prison people were freed, but from the other door new people were imprisoned. As the political repression has been intensified from 1991 till nowadays, the prisons have been full again. At the moment there are about 10 000 revolutionary prisoners belonging to the organizations like; PKK, DHKP-C, TKP-ML, MLKP, TIKB and various other small groups.

## ***1995 - 1996; New Massacres Start***

After the amnesty of 1991, the movement in the prisons have decreased a little as the most experienced prisoners were out now. And so it was a suitable time for the state to adopt new laws. The state is generally unhappy about 3 facts; 1) The solidarity between the prisoners, 2) Their relations with outside, 3) Their political activities in the prisons. Therefore the state is up to do anything that can destroy the organizational structure of the prisoners. As an important step, the state has built "Special Type" prisons. The main feature of such prisons is that, they are made of 1 single cell for each prisoner. The state calls them "Modern prisons with Western Standards" but the truth is that they are nothing than a "Coffinyard".

So the state started to transfer people to these new coffinyards in last 2-3 years. This was one of the biggest assault against the prisoners. Apart from that, some other tactics were also used to exterminate the relations with families. For example, they started to arrest the relatives of the prisoners in front of the prisons when they came out from the visit.

In 1995 the repression increased much more than ever. So the prisoners have also started a resistance against the state. On 21st September 1995 in a prison in *İzmir*, the state has tried to transfer the prisoners to a special type prison by a military operation. The prisoners have constructed barricades in the prison and have resisted against the transfer. At the end, 3 prisoners have been killed, tens of others were badly injured. But the state could not transfer them. This new massacre policy was followed by a new attempt; on 4th January 1996 in a prison in *Istanbul*, they did a new military operation to transfer the prisoners. Again the prisoners have constructed barricades and resisted. During this operation, another 4 prisoners were killed and tens of others were badly injured. But again the state was not successful. In March 1996, a new government was formed. And a very well known ex-torturer police chief, *Mehmet Ağar*, was appointed as the Minister of Justice. In the speech he made on the first day, he said that "he was determined to clean up the prisons, that were the camps of illegal organizations".

### ***Hunger Strikes and Demands: Fasts***

While the signs were so clear that the state was making preparations for new massacres, the prisoners also started preparations for a big action. A central co-ordination was formed that was composed of representatives from each organization. The co-ordination was formed in all the prisons and it was given the task to negotiate with the state, media and all other institutions. So the co-ordination has declared a hunger strike on 20th May 1996 that was participated by 3000 prisoners. The demands of the prisoners were as follows;

- 1) The Special Type Eskişehir Prison to be closed down.
- 2) The circulars issued on 6th May, 9th May 1996 to be cancelled,
- 3) The torture made to the prisoners on the way to the courts, to be stopped,
- 4) The torture, arrests and other kinds of repressions against the relatives of the prisoners in front of the prisons during the visits, to be stopped,
- 5) To be able to receive all kinds of books, magazines and newspapers that are legally published outside,
- 6) The common cultural and political activities of the prisoners in the prison not to be hindered,
- 7) The prisoners to be put in to the prisons of the city where their court and trial goes on,
- 8) A watch comity to be formed composed of intellectuals and non-government organizations that would observe whether the prisoners can perform their rights or not.

In the first days of the hunger strikes, there was a government crisis. The government of March could not last anymore, so the parties were trying to form a new coalition. So for a long time (30 days) nobody bothered about the hunger strikes. The new coalition government was formed at the end of June. This time, the Minister of Justice was *Şevket Kazan*. This man is the Vice President of Refah Party (Islamist party, also the partner of the coalition). He is the lawyer of the Islamist-fascists who have burned up 37 intellectuals at a hotel in *Sivas* during a festival in 1993.

The new Minister has cancelled the circulars of 6th and 9th May but issued a new one with the same content. He also explained in a press meeting that this was his last tolerance. As this new circular brought nothing positive, the prisoners already on hunger strike for 45 days, have turned their action to a "Death Fast" in all the prisons. In a short time, about 355 of the 3000 hunger strikers have participated the death fast. The government, media and generally the public opinion of Turkey have just watched the death fast, till the 63rd day when the first prisoner has died.

### ***The Action Ends with 12 deaths***

After the first victim, the negotiations started between the state and the Central Co-ordination of the prisoners. But the state refused the demands and started to make preparations for a military intervention. At this level, some well known intellectuals of Turkey started to act as go-betweeners. On 27th July 1996 after the death of the 11th prisoner, the authorities of Ministry of Justice together with a group of well known lawyers, authors, journalists and artists went to *Bayrampaşa* prison and at the conclusion of the talks made with the representatives of the prisoners all day long, both sides have finally arrived on an agreement. According to the agreement in question, the prisoners that are in Eskişehir prison shall be transferred to Istanbul (Eskişehir is 350 km far away from Istanbul) and no more political prisoners shall be put to the so called coffinyard. The other demands regarding the general conditions of the prisoners were also accepted. It has also been decided to form a comity composed of lawyers, authors, journalists and artists who have already acted as go-betweeners to watch whether the prisoners can exercise their right or not. The ending of the action was announced at 23.00 pm on 27th July immediately after the agreement. A few minutes later, 170 prisoners have been transferred with ambulances to the hospitals from 15 prisons. Unfortunately, *Hayati Can* from Bursa prison, has died on the way before reaching to the hospital. Thus the total number of deaths has increased to 12.

**Names of the died revolutionary prisoners:**

1. Aygün **UĞUR** ( a member of TKP(ML) - Turkish Communist Party Marxist Leninist ) died on 21st July.
2. Berdan **KERİMGİLLER** ( a member of DHKP-C / Revolutionary People's Liberation Party - Front ) died on 23rd July.
3. İlginç **ÖZKESKİN** ( a member of DHKP-C ) died on 24th July.
4. Müjdat **YANAT** ( a member of DHKP-C ) died on 25th July.
5. Hüseyin **DEMİRCİOĞLU** ( a member of MLKP - Marxist Leninist Communist Party ) died on 25th July.
6. Ali **AYATA** ( a member of TKP(ML) ) died on 25th July.
7. Tahsin **YILMAZ** ( a member of TİKB - Union of Revolutionary Turkish Communists ) died on 26th July.
8. Ayçe İdil **ERKMEN** - woman- ( a member of DHKP-C ) died on 26th July.
9. Hicabi **KÜÇÜK** ( a member of TİKB ) died on 27th July.
10. Yemliha **KAYA** ( a member of DHKP-C ) died on 27th July.
11. Osman **AKGÜN** ( a member of TİKB ) died on 27th July.
12. Hayati **CAN** ( a member of TKP(ML) ) died on 28th July on the way to hospital (10 minutes after the agreement)

**What happened after the Action?**

As for our own comment; contrary to the majority of Turkish left, we can't consider the agreement as a complete victory. As we mentioned above; there were two important general demands:

- 1) Eskişehir Prison -coffinyard- to be closed,
- 2) General conditions of prisoners (articles 2 to 9) to be improved.

First of all, Eskişehir Prison has not been closed, but only it was promised that the political prisoners were going to be transferred out. And secondly, the improvement of the conditions was only promised. We write these words on 8th August 1996, 12 days after the agreement. So far, the political prisoners still are in Eskişehir Special Type Coffinyard and there is not a big change on the general conditions in other prisons. The government claims that, the prisoners shall be transferred from *Eskişehir* Prison, when the technical preparations are completed, but it seems us as a classical lie. On the other hand, Turkish left talks about a great victory. The action has certainly been a political victory especially with the help of the world wide huge publicity. But practically, at least for the present, it is impossible to talk about a victory. We, the anarchists, believe that there are some very strong signs of new massacres in a near future. Depending on the political climate, same problems and perhaps the same actions will emerge again.

We would like to thank all those involved in supporting the revolutionary prisoners and ask all our abroad comrades to keep their solidarity alive. Our abroad comrades should be prepared to support us in new actions which will break out in a near future. Only in that way, will we be able to stand against the new massacres of Turkish Fascism. Meanwhile, we shall be happy to provide you further details and any other specific information. You can get in touch with us through the following address.

Love and greetings from all of us to all of you...

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# PUNK'S GAY ROOTS & THE QUEER FUTURE...



By Richard Watts

Before reading any further, go check out the definition of punk in a dictionary. I'll still be here when you get back. The author will now hum hold music - oh! Back so soon? If the dictionary you have is anything like mine, you may have just learned that as well as meaning rotten wood, young ruffian, and style of simple rock music played with great vigour but lacking polish, punk also means prostitute or sexual outlaw. The word dates back to the 16th century, which makes punk a hell of a lot older than the Sex Pistols and the New York Dolls, or even those wacky French Situationists.

(If you haven't heard about the Situationists, Malcolm McLaren claims that they were the group that inspired him to create the Sex Pistols, although Malcolm claims lots of things, most of which are crap. The Situationists were anarchists and intellectual terrorists, who tried to subvert life by giving it the wild creativity of art. In 1968, during the Paris student-led union uprising, they plastered the city with surreal graffiti - LIVE WITHOUT RESTRICTIONS OR DEAD TIME - ART IS DEAD: DO NOT CONSUME ITS CORPSE - SCREAM, STEAL, EJACULATE YOUR DESIRES - THEY ARE BUYING YOUR HAPPINESS: STEAL IT).

On with the history lesson. (If history, or even herstory, bores you, try reading it while dancing naked around your room to the Dead Kennedys - punk aerobics?).

In America in the 1950's, a punk was a male prisoner's sexual partner, usually a youth coerced into being fucked ("I punked the kid"). The Australian equivalent was called a "cat". Such boys were thus not only social criminals, imprisoned for crimes against the State, but sexual criminals as well. Sporting rough, prison-job tattoos, their street-corner attitude aggressive and sneering, punk style is derived from these queer prisoners. So essentially, all punks are poofers, whether they know it or not, because originally all punks were queers, willingly or not. We return punk to its early roots because of who and how we root.

Once the more elaborate punk styles were stolen by the mass media, made safe and no longer rebellious by being made popular, punk became simplified into the uniform imagery of hardcore, as did punk rock itself, in order to survive exploitation. Today's punk style is essentially a uniform, no different to that of the business-suited clones punks deride for their lack of imagination. Boots, leather-jacket with studs and paint, flannelette shirt and band t-shirt became the basic punk look - step outside this narrow range and see how quick most so-called "punks" are to deride you. This despite the fact that punk is supposed to be a style of visual rebellion from what is socially acceptable.

This conservatism is not that different from the gay scene; indeed the leather-denim clone look is frighteningly similar to punk style. The gay scene used to be radical; the Stonewall riots are the classic example. Sadly, gay rights sold out in the '70's, when sexual freedom became tied up with the quest for financial security. The pink dollar has become more important than fighting the sexism and racism which are entrenched in the gay community. The gay scene is now quick to alienate those individuals who dare to flaunt their own unique style, whereas individuals, such as drag queens, used to set the styles. Try turning up to a gay bar with a mohawk and see what happens. You'll get a similar, although probably more violent reaction should you arrive at a punk gig wearing fishnet stockings, a shirt made of newspaper, and a tutu.

As I see it, both the punk movement, and the gay movement have become fossilised. The only way forward is to go back to the past, remembering that punk used to be sexually and socially subversive. As queer punks, we have to remind the sub-cultures we move through that their essence is in shock-provoking individuality. Dare to be different, or watch punk stagnate, and gay culture become absorbed and assimilated into a patronizing and bland mainstream culture. Rebel against the status quo, fight conformity. Make your own style - hand-write slogans on your t-shirt instead of buying the same one everybody wears - don't get a mohawk, create an entirely new haircut. Do it now - if nothing else, you'll stand out, which can only increase your chance of finding someone who loves you for who you are, instead of for who you are trying to be.

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Barricade meetings  
6.30, Wed - at shop  
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time, stuff they've done

International Day of Action Against Muckdonalds  
October 16th

Melbourne Action - City Square 12 Noon  
Bring bags of McRubbish  
Smash the Mac

Brunswick Xer'p'x Punx  
1st ever gig - Oct 26th  
Art House  
This is the one you'll  
tell your grandkids about

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- at Barricade

Blue Devil Day  
Sun 27th Oct  
Enviro Arts Festival  
Kanes Bridge, Yarra Pk Bend

Local Internet Newsgroups  
zap - chiapas support group  
abc - prisoner support  
both on xchange at A-House and Barra

A-House Womens Space  
1st fri of month 6.30  
4th October  
1st November  
6th December

Wimmin's Working Bee  
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Front 'n' back yards,  
painting and murals  
Bring plants and enthusiasm

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Is Barricade sexist?

24th Oct 7.30

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A big old talk on that old gem. Although  
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on to wider issues. So arise bigots and be heard !?

ACI Spotswood Picket  
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Spotswood stn, 5 min walk  
Spotswood/Wembee line, Spotswood stn, 5 min walk



# ANTI-NUCLEAR PRISONERS BOSCO BOSCOVITCH & MAYA CATTS!

Bosco Boscovitch and Maya Catts were found guilty of setting fire to the French Consulate in Perth in protest over nuclear testing in the Pacific.

From prison, Bosco writes:

*"My crime consisted of too sensitive a social consciousness. People are either not familiar with history, or they have not yet learnt that revolution is but thought carried into action. My cry of malediction and of truth was a strike not for myself. Not a crime against humanity, though a strike for humanity: appealing to the depths of human nature itself. My action was a tumultuous outburst of new hope,*

*where necessity knows no law."*

Bosco is eligible for parole in a couple of months time. Until then, he can be contacted at:

**Bosco Boscovitch, c/o Wooroobo Prison, Locked Bag 100, Lynley Valley, WA, 6556.**

Maya Catts, also found guilty of arson, appealed against her sentence and had her time doubled!! She is in Bandyup womens prison and can be contacted at:

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# WHAT IS THE ANARCHIST BLACK CROSS ?

The Anarchist Black Cross (ABC) is an international class struggle and anarchist prisoner support group. We believe that prisons serve no function except to preserve the ruling classes. We also believe that a free society must find alternative, effective ways of dealing with anti-social crime. But a decrease in anti-social crime is only likely to happen (and therefore prison abolition can only be a realistic option) accompanied by a dramatic change in our economic, social and political systems. These conditions lie at the root of both anti-social crime and a reason for a prison system and our primary goal is to make these fundamental changes. We work for a stateless, classless, co-operative society,

free from privilege or domination based on race or gender.

But it is not enough to build the grass roots movements necessary to bring about these changes in society, we also have to defend them. The ABC defends those who are captured and persecuted for carrying out acts on behalf of our movements. The ABC aims to recognise and expose the struggles of prisoners in general, and political prisoners and prisoners of war in particular. We regard prisoners as an active part of our movement and seek to maintain their past and potential contributions by acting as a link back to the continuing struggle. Increased communication between activists both inside and outside inspires

resistance on both sides of the prison walls. Although imprisonment is, in its self political, political prisoners of warfare being held specifically for their beliefs or actions.

We don't place judgements on what are valid or invalid expressions of resistance; non-violence is not a criterion for support. We hope that we can encourage activists by providing assurance that even if you are persecuted for your activities, the movement will not abandon you: we will take care of our own. Through the ABC we are building organisational support for resistance.

## WRITING TO PRISONERS

Prison isolates people from the outside world. Besides visiting, writing is the most important thing you can do to help break down that isolation, so that the prisoner does not feel forgotten. If you can't think of much to write, just send a wishing card wishing them well, it's the fact that you have bothered to write that matters. The following is a loose frame-work, some suggestions and considerations to keep in mind when writing to prisoners...

1) Please forget any preconceptions or stereotypes you may have heard of people in prison - they are no different to people on the outside.

2) In your first letter, explain a little about why you are writing, and ask if the person would like to be writing to you.

a) Introduce yourself, describing yourself, your family, your work, where you live, and the concern that leads you to write.

b) Feel free to ask about prison life, about the person's interests, where they are from, whether they have any appeals in progress etc.

c) do not ask right away about the 'crime', but let them volunteer that information.

d) it's good to ask questions, because it gives the person something to respond to, but do not ask too many at once - especially in the first letter. Let trust build between you, and always try to share as much about yourself as you ask the other person to share.

3) If you feel you will only be able to write, for example, monthly, make this clear to the person. It is important not to promise things that you will not be able to follow through on.

4) If you want to send things like books, stamps, stationery, or food, ask first whether the person wants them, whether they will be able to enter the prison and how they will need to be sent.

It is advisable to contact the prison first to find out if these things can be sent to prisoners as it often differs from prison to prison. Prepare to be given the run around but persist and you will get results.

5) The person may ask you to send money - if you feel good about that, then send it. NEVER feel obliged to respond to a request for money, but always respond honestly. If you do send money, again, be sure to find out first in what form it must be sent.

6) You may want to visit this person in addition to writing. That would be Great! just ask him or her whether they want you to visit and what the hours and restrictions are concerning visits.

7) Always save letters from the prisoner, as they could be helpful in the appeals process, future reference, etc.

8) Most prisons do not allow letters with no sender's name and address. It is possible to use a false one, but, bear in mind the prisoner may reply, so use an address you can receive mail from.

9) Do not be put off if you do not receive a reply straight away, prisoners are sometimes limited to how many letters they can write each week.

10) Get writing! Don't let prisoners remain isolated.

REMEMBER : All mail to prisoners is opened and censored, so don't write anything that could jeopardise future actions or someone's freedom.





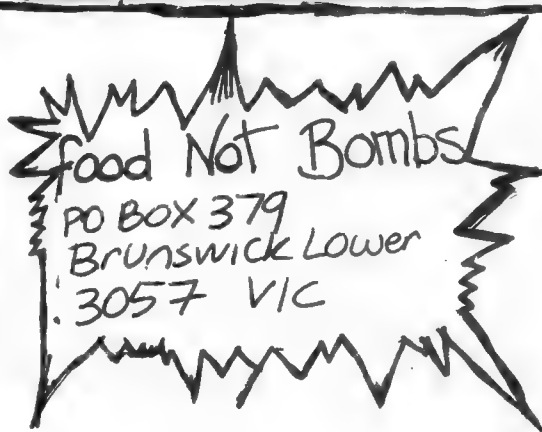
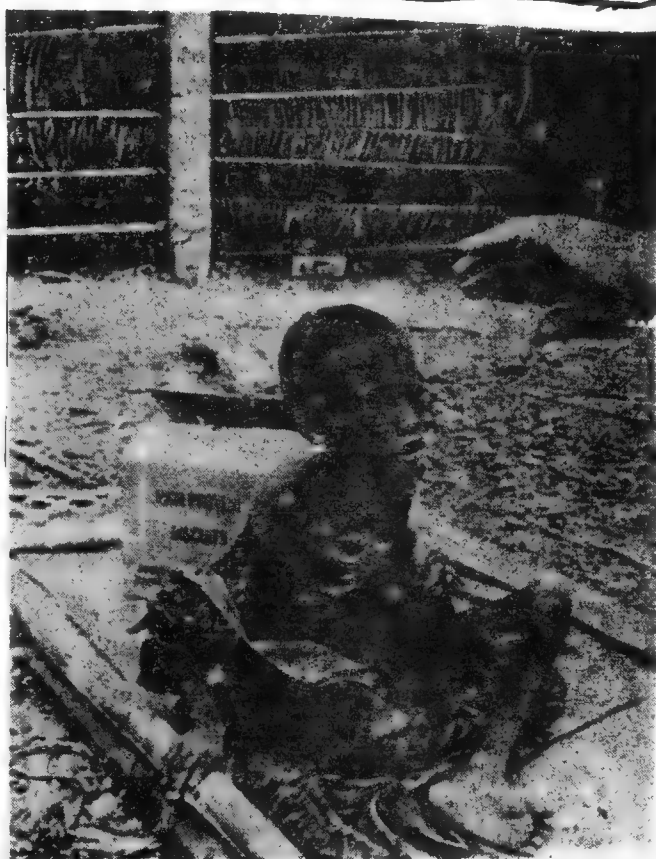
# FOOD NOT BOMBS

The money spent by the world on weapons in one week is enough to feed all the people on Earth for a year. When millions of people go hungry each day how can we spend another dollar on war? If you feel that people need food more than bombs we want you to call us today. The next few years could profoundly change the world for generations and Food Not Bombs is working to make those changes positive for everyone.

The Food Not Bombs organization is starting several projects in our area:

- ★ Free food distribution to local people in need.
- ★ Literature tables to provide information about food, peace and justice.
- ★ Providing hot meals at demonstrations and events.
- ★ Organizing creative actions in protest of war and poverty.

We invite you to work with us to provide desperately needed services and information to our community. You can make a difference.



## OZ HOAXES

**IS YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE MISERABLE, IS YOUR PERSONAL SPACE INVADED BY DICTATORS, DO YOU WANNA GET EVEN OR WHAT?**

Do you wanna have fun, under the sun and dance in the moonlight well alrighty maybe the following tales (tall and true you tell us!) will give you trouble-making ideas to get back at the Boss, the landlord, the politicians, the Polluters who pillage our resources, the religions, the moguls of the 'entertainment industry', the Establishment (the System), the tycoons of the New Age/Alternatives or the local racists, rapists, homophobes, bureaucrats, media hacks or local boring and offensive advertising signs. So without further cliché - cos slogans are not solutions - for your reading pleasure and yet another attempt to wake up those dozing in the Great Amnesia also known as Ausfallurian 'culture'.

(Sources of the preceding sauces:)

### SO YOU WANNA KNOW MORE?

Questions, questions, questions, flooding into the mind of the concerned young adult today. People just like you seeking knowledge, wisdom, the answers to the riddles of the Ages. It's a small whirled; well look know fervour check out: **BUFFO!** Spectacular Times, London 1984. Situationist inspired pamphlet.

**CABARET 1980-88** An Anthology of Political Buffoonery, Leeds, 1988. 48 page pamphlet of mostly Britland carry-ons to fuck shit up.

**HOAXES & SCAMS** A Compendium of Deceptions, Ruses and Swindles; Carl Sifakis, New York 1993. 290 pages A-Z of fun 'n games by the author of Facts on File's Encyclopedia of Assassinations.

**SABOTAGE IN THE AMERICAN WORKPLACE**, Martin Sprouse, AK Press, San Francisco, 1994. Shop-floor resistance to speed-ups, bum pay and the drudgery of wage-slavery.

**HOAX #4**, Excitingly irregular magazine. Has got the lot, interviews with hoaxers, his/herstory, London Temple of Isis scam and more. **AUX 64** Beechgrove, Aberhonddu, Powys, Cymru, U.K. LD3 9ET

**RE-SEARCH #11 Pranks!** San Francisco. 1987. 230 pages of devious deeds and mischievous mirth.

**HOW TO MAKE TROUBLE & INFLUENCE PEOPLE** 1996 published as a fund raiser by friends of Barricade Books for the Barricade BOOKS/Infoshop. Lists many more local Aussie pranks.

# INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST McDONALDS UN. WORLD FOOD DAY - OCT 16

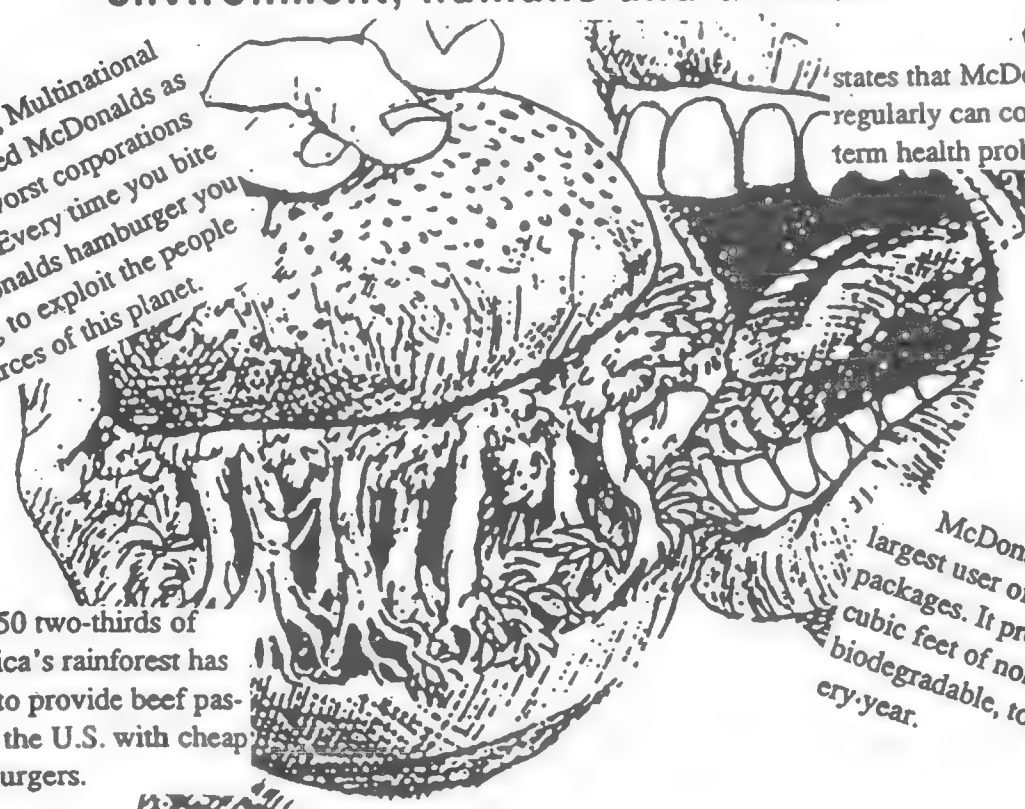
Underneath McDonalds clean friendly and innocent facade is a greedy corporation concerned only with profit making, irrespective of the harm they cause to the environment, humans and animals.

In Dec 1988, Multinational Monitor identified McDonalds as one of the 10 worst corporations in the world. Every time you bite into a McDonalds hamburger you are helping to exploit the people and resources of this planet.

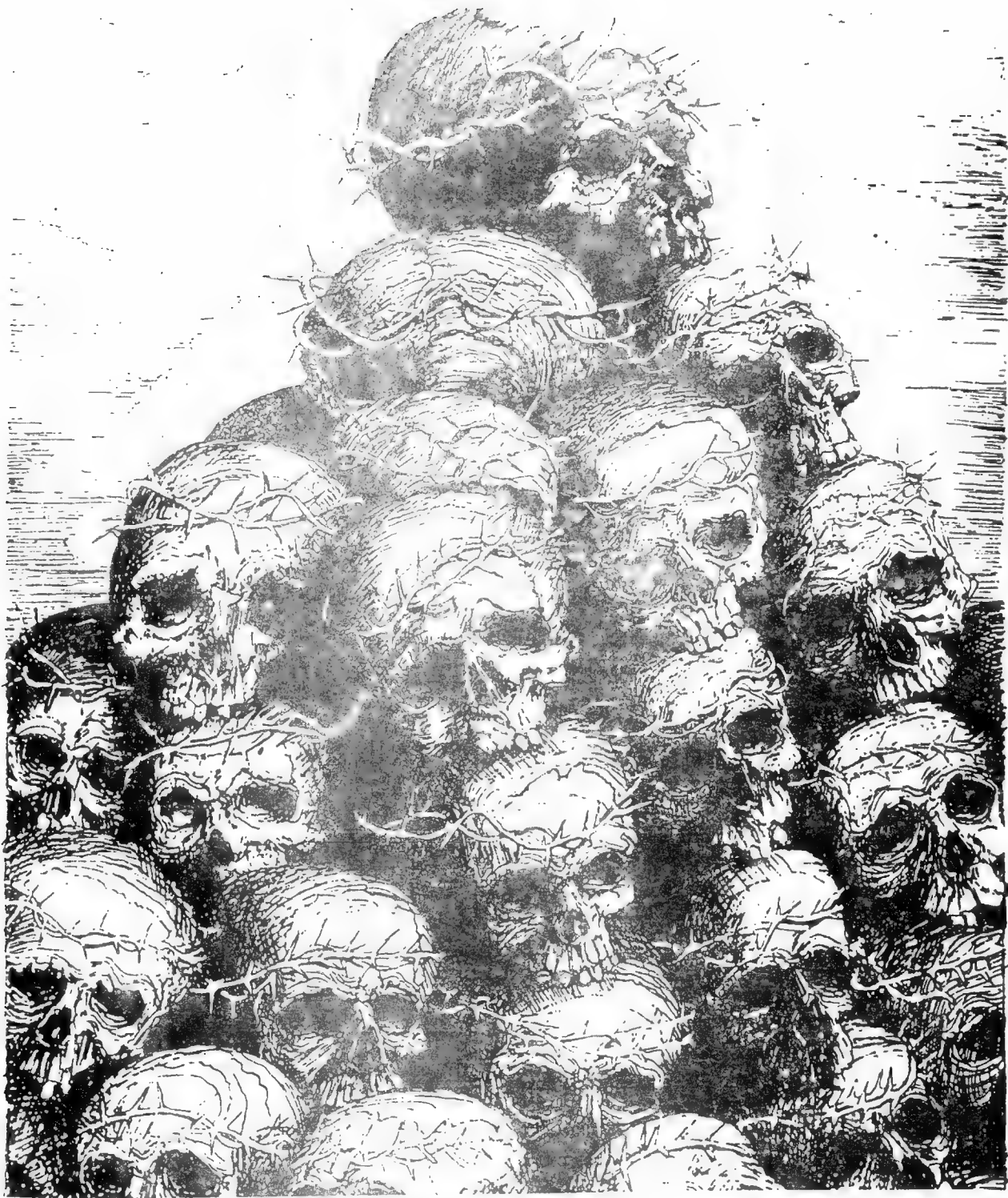
Since 1950 two-thirds of Central America's rainforest has been cleared to provide beef pasture to supply the U.S. with cheap beef for hamburgers.

Choice magazine states that McDonalds foods eaten regularly can contribute to long term health problems.

McDonalds is the worlds largest user of styrofoam food packages. It produces 2.3 million cubic feet of nonrecyclable, non-biodegradable, toxic garbage every year.

Demo Starts at 12.00pm, Oct 16, 1996  
Bring bags of McDonalds Rubbish + Vegan food  
Costumes, Masks, Flags etc Smash the Mac!   
CITY SQUARE





NUTS/PO BOX 279 ABBOTSFORD 3067

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HADDAMAR AND SONNENSTEIN WERE  
DEATH CAMPS, FOR MENTAL PATIENTS.  
VICTIMS OF PSYCHIATRY! GENOCIDE  
BY PSYCHIATRY BEFORE, AND LATER;  
TAUGHT, TO THE NAZIS!

# DRUGS.....

The viability of drug laws in Victoria has been under examination by the state government. In order to combat the war against drugs the premier has set up a drug advisory council, headed by professor David Pennington. This particular council has investigated and made certain recommendations pertaining to action which could be undertaken. The most radical being to legalise some illicit drugs. Public reaction to this proposal has been immensely furious. In this instance one must first look towards other countries and acquire information from their subsequent findings. Our drug advisory council may even learn from their mistakes.

Sweden legalised heroin for two years between 1967 and 1969, which resulted in an absolute failure. Throughout this duration heroin usage more than doubled and crimes associated with it quadrupled. This resulted with the health and community services for that period collapsing due to the unprecedented work load borne upon them. At the same time the United Kingdom abruptly ceased a five year program which was administered nonchalantly from the start. Add to this the discovery by the U.K. of the problems Sweden encountered and all in all, another unsuccessful drug program was tabulated for history.

1978 the Netherlands deemed to be the Mecca for the worlds drug and sex industry, face to face with strong public and bureaucratic reaction and an ever escalating crime rate was forced to rethink its liberal laws for the preceding twenty years. In 1977 Professor Muraad Alper, a senior lecturer at Cambridge University and head of the English league of Health Services (and a dozen other portfolios) attended an international conference in the Netherlands. It was at this location that Professor Alper said "Holland the nerve centre, the bee-hive of drug activity, you the government have acted disdainfully in this situation, a more sagacious prospective is needed to stimulate the thought-processes. However all you want to see is the dope addicted tourists, injecting millions into the economy. That way the economic benefits would not dwindle or dissipate."

In Victoria alone the trade in illicit drugs nets about \$460 million. Lobbyists argue that if drugs were legalised the cost of drugs would dramatically fall, leaving big bosses, the growers and traffickers out of business. But little do they know that the lower socio-economically disadvantaged which include the unemployed, the homeless and young people are the most vulnerable to take drugs. Even a laymen could question that cheap drugs just make it easier for these groups to obtain drugs they couldn't afford when they were illegal? More arguably of concern is the health hazard aspects of using drugs. An example of this is marijuana, accepted as a lighter drug than heroin but it has a number of health risks. Medical evidence has proven that **long** term use of cannabis can affect hormone production, irregular menstrual cycles, spasmodic attacks after menopause, lower sperm count, slight memory loss, increased risk of throat and mouth cancer, the slowing of message paths to and from the body and brain, which can affect the nervous system and then ultimately the heart. The limited good effects that cannabis may have are feelings of euphoria - makes one act like a common jester, and the heightened perception of taste, smell, touch, and hearing. Having stated this I suppose the crucial factor that we must not forget about marijuana is that it is a plant, which can grow naturally, not dissimilar to poison ivy.

Some of the recommendations proposed by the council, such as a three year test program permitting marijuana smoking in public places and allowing households to grow up to five plants are truly prepubescent to say the least. We as the community are not guinea-pigs to be used a laboratory experiments and as for the testing period, its far too long. It is obvious that decriminalisation even for a short period is going to encourage non-users to take up such a habit and hence increase user numbers substantially. Allowing marijuana smoking in public places is just *idiotic*. After long strenuous years of having smoking banned from public places, along comes marijuana and the whole issue is raised again. As for allowing the growth of marijuana in our back yards, what next a chain of restaurants serving drugs only? How about McMarijuana perhaps?

The fact is legalising any illicit drug is not a prudent thing to do. What stops many from using drugs is the reality that it is illegal. It is true that we have a drug problem, but we also have suicide, rape, abductions and murder problems which are real issues as well. This does not mean we should legalise them. Drugs also kill. The self confessed learned, benevolent and switched on government, should seek alternatives to stem this problem. It would be intelligent to consider agendas such as producing commercials to make people more aware of its risks, educating students, increasing the budget of rehabilitation centres, to name a few. Legalising drugs is not the way to go about solving our problems. Our aim should be for a drug-free society, not a free-drug society as was quoted recently.

In memory of dearest Denise 'chomp' Ditcham

**This is an individual response and does not represent the views of the entire collective**

## **anarchist contact list**



**Anarchist Black Cross-** Supports and campaigns for the release of class war and anti state prisoners worldwide. Recently active in supporting Turkish/Kurdish, Greek and US prisoners inc. Mumia Abu Jamal and Australians (Ben Alterman, Bosco Boscovitch etc).

Address: PO Box 199 East Brunswick 3057 Melbourne

**Anarres Books-** Sell a wide variety of libertarian and anarchist materials through the mail as well as running book stalls at various events.

Address: P O Box 150 East Brunswick 3057 Melbourne

**Angry People-** A network of people across Australia organising working class communities against racism, sexism, capitalism. Regularly publish a magazine (\$2 a copy) and produce stickers, t shirts etc.

Address: P O Box 356 Brunswick 3056 Melbourne

**Burning Times:** Melbourne's own homocore zine with a focus on queers active in the independent music and arts scene..

Address: P O Box 425 Clifton Hill 3068 Melbourne

**Libertarian Workers for a self managed society-** Put out a weekly news commentary, monthly anarchist mag, run the anarchist media institute etc.

Address: P O Box 20 Parkville 3052 Tel: (03) 9828 2856

**McLibel Support Group-** Organising actions and disseminating info in support of two London activists falsely sued by Mcdonalds as well as to expose the more general evils of that corporation (poor working conditions, shit food, eco destroyers etc)

Address: P O Box 199 East Brunswick 3057

**No World Order:-**Bilingual (Greek/English) anarchist radio show covering international politics including the latest anti state sounds from Greece. On Radio 3CR (855 AM) Friday midnite till 2 am. Also publish a zine (quarterly) on anarchist issues from non english speaking countries.

Address: P O Box 199 East Brunswick 3057 Melbourne

**NUTS/Psychiatric Survivor Network-** Has an anti psychiatry focus and attempts to educate people on the dangers and alternatives to psychiatry. Publish MAD NEWS.

Address: P O Box 279 Abbotsford 3067 Melbourne

**Prisoners Action Group-** Campaigning for the rights of prisoners and the abolition of the prison system.

Tel: (03) 9419 2359

**SUUWA (Squatters & Unemployed Workers Airwaves)-** Local and international news, music and opinion on subjects from mental health to life on the dole, squatting etc.

Fridays 11 am-noon on 3CR (855 AM)

This list is in no way exhaustive. There is new stuff happening so keep your eyes open and write to us for a listing.



# What is government?



WHOEVER LAYS THEIR HAND ON ME



IS A USURPER AND A TYRANT;



I DECLARE THEM TO BE MY ENEMY ...



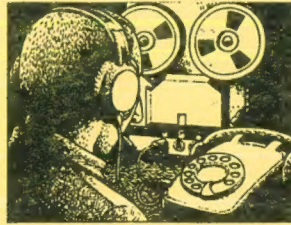
GOVERNMENT IS SLAVERY.



ITS LAWS ARE COBWEBS FOR THE RICH



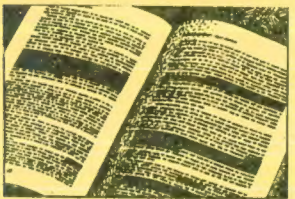
AND CHAINS OF STEEL  
FOR THE POOR.



TO BE GOVERNED IS TO BE WATCHED,  
INSPECTED, SPIED ON,



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AT, CONTROLLED, RULED,



CENSORED BY PERSONS WHO HAVE  
NEITHER WISDOM NOR VIRTUE.



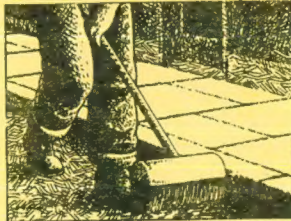
IT IS IN EVERY ACTION AND TRANSACTION



TO BE REGISTERED, STAMPED, TAXED, PATENTED, LICENSED, ASSESSED,



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CORRECTED, FRUSTRATED.



UNDER PRETEXT OF THE PUBLIC GOOD  
IT IS TO BE EXPLOITED,



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AND THEN,



AT THE LEAST PROTEST OR  
WORD OF COMPLAINT,



TO BE FINED, HARASSED, VILIFIED,



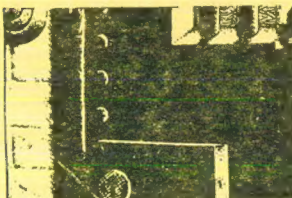
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DEPORTED, SOLD, BETRAYED,



SWINDLED, DECEIVED,



OUTRAGED, DISHONOURED,



THAT'S GOVERNMENT, THAT'S ITS  
JUSTICE, THAT'S ITS MORALITY!



THE NEW WORLD ORDER HAS  
A THIRD REICH....

